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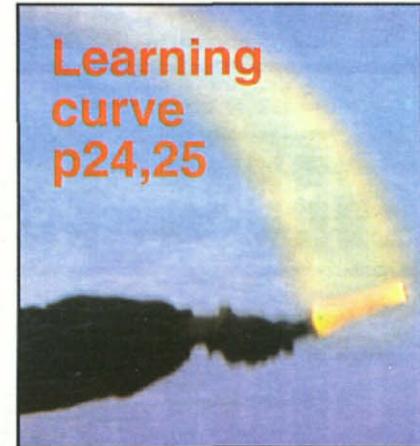
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DESTROYER SEIZES DRUGS WORTH £43 MILLION

GEORDIE GUNBOAT'S DOUBLE BUST!



NEW EYES IN THE SKY

FIRST of the new breed of Mk 7 Sea King helicopters have come into service. In a ceremony on board HMS Ark Royal, 849A Squadron rededicated with the Airborne Surveillance and Control (ASaC) variant. See page 41.

A DOUBLE drugs bust by HMS Newcastle in the Caribbean netted cocaine and marijuana worth £43million.

The Type 42 destroyer, fondly known as the 'Geordie Gunboat', first intercepted a Barbados-based fishing vessel in international waters.

On sighting HMS Newcastle, the fishing vessel tried to evade by throwing its cargo of drugs overboard.

HMS Newcastle recovered 100 bales of marijuana, weighing a total of 550lb, from the sea before proceeding to intercept the fishing vessel and its three crewmen. The vessel was later escorted to Barbados and handed over to the local authorities.

Less than 24 hours later, the Newcastle

recovered 23 bales of cocaine from a vessel off the coast of Martinique.

Prior to this, she had been involved in a high-speed intercept of a speedboat that had travelled 400 nautical miles from Venezuela, believed to be carrying drugs.

After completing the fast pursuit, the destroyer intercepted a yacht that had been identified with the speedboat and boarded her off Martinique.

Commented Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon: "Like the war against terrorism, the battle against drugs is a long campaign and I am delighted to see that the Royal Navy has

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HIGH HOPES FOR NEW NAVY-BASED DRAMA SERIES

Cameras set to roll for TV and movie blockbusters

TWO MAJOR TV and movie projects are set to put the Royal Navy in the public eye in a way it hasn't managed for nearly 30 years.

Making Waves, a six-part Carlton TV drama series based on a Type 23 frigate, will be shown in July next year and is designed as the RN equivalent of the hugely successful *Soldier, Soldier*.

The Navy Board has given per-

mission for the Director of Corporate Communications (Navy) to engage in discussions on the making of a major feature film involving a Royal Navy aircraft carrier.

Also in preparation is a second series of BBC TV's *Rock Face*, covering the work of RN Search and Rescue teams in Scotland.

Meanwhile HMS Ark Royal appeared on *Top of the Pops* after veteran rockers Status Quo videoed their latest single *Jam Side Down* on board.

Lt Cdr Steve Tatham, project leader for the Director of Corporate Communications (Navy) told *Navy News* a big effort

had been made to build up the Navy's profile following a Central Office of Information survey that found public perception of the Senior Service was that it was the least relevant of the three Armed Forces.

Making Waves would be produced – at sea and on land – with the full help and co-operation of the Royal Navy.

The drama would feature a Type 23 frigate, the mainstay of the Fleet of which there are 16 currently in service, able to operate anywhere in the world.

The production would have full access to the RN's hi-tech training facilities, as well as their technical



● **ROLE MODEL:** A Type 23 frigate – like HMS Argyll, currently engaged in enforcing United Nations sanctions against Saddam Hussein in the Gulf – will feature in the new Carlton TV drama series *Making Waves*, to begin next July

expertise and advice.

Said Lt Cdr Tatham: "Filming *Making Waves* will begin in February 2003. We will be using HMS Bristol for interior shots and one or two Type 23 frigates for the starring role as the fictional 'HMS Suffolk'.

"The whole idea is to show the contemporary Navy and explain to the general public what we do, and so we will try to get key messages across within the agenda laid down by the scriptwriters.

"There is bound to be a bit of 'sex, drugs and rock and roll' in a drama series like this – but we have been absolutely adamant that we must see all the scripts beforehand. We may not like some of the things in them, but if, for instance, we've got drugs coming into the plot, we will insist on showing how we deal with this, with compulsory drugs testing and proven drug users being kicked out of the Navy.

"Series like this tend to be made in blocks of 13 for the US market,

so if we like it, and they like it, we are almost guaranteed at least a second series of seven more episodes."

What are known as "no loss costs" will be borne by the film company – a tariff that includes charges for the use of a frigate, fuel, aviation spirit etc.

"We're not there to make money, but we have to see a return for the taxpayers' expenditure. So there will be videos, books, DVDs, t-shirts and all the usual merchandising to further carry our message and probably a dedicated website – you know, 'If you'd like to talk to someone in the Royal Navy about issues raised in the programme, log on to etc'."

First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Nigel Essenhugh has said he is "delighted" with the ideas behind *Making Waves*.

"Showing the Royal Navy in action on land, in the air and on the sea, will make for very exciting television and I am certain that our

shareholders, the British public, will thoroughly enjoy watching the drama," he said.

The series is created by Ted Childs, executive producer of *Soldier Soldier*. Its seven series made it one of ITV's top-rating dramas, and made household names of Robson Green and Jerome Flynn.

Said Childs – also the man behind *Inspector Morse*, *Kavanagh QC*, *Peak Practice* and *Sharpe*: "I believe that the modern Royal Navy is a very appropriate setting for a contemporary drama series.

"The hi-tech world that is a warship at sea makes considerable professional and personal demands on all its crew members.

"At the same time there is much opportunity for depicting the wit, warmth and humanity which always underpins entertaining and engaging drama."

□ See Newsview, page 22

FAMILY TICKETS



TO BE WON

RNAS YEOVILTON AIR DAY 2002

Saturday 21st September 2002

90 YEARS OF NAVAL AVIATION

From its humble origins in the formation of Royal Flying Corps in May 1912, the Naval Wing has grown in size and prestige after gaining recognition as the Royal Naval Air Service.

This year's Yeovilton Air Day will take place on Saturday September 21st and will pay tribute to the men and aircraft of the Royal Navy and the part they have played in shaping history during the past century.

To win a Family Ticket to Yeovilton Air Day, answer the following question correctly and you could be a lucky winner

Question:

What year was the Royal Flying Corps formed?

Send your answer on a postcard along with your name, address and telephone number to: 'Yeovilton Competition', Navy News, HMS Nelson, Queen Street, Portsmouth PO1 3HH

Closing date for entry: 9th September 2002

Usual competition rules apply. The Editors decision is final. Employees Navy News and their relatives are ineligible to enter

Grimsby returns

HMS Grimsby returns to Portsmouth after four months away on Mediterranean deployment.



Arethusa needs a lift



AS you would expect, the only topless page 3 girl *Navy News* could afford is badly in need of a face-lift – well, a complete makeover, really...

'Arethusa' was supplied to us by Richard Hunter, of Aughton, Sheffield, who has been researching ships' figureheads for over 30 years.

He found her sitting outside the Arethusa Venture Centre (successor to the original training school) in Lower Upnor, near Rochester, Kent, gazing sorrowfully across the beautiful Medway estuary.

Since she first saw the light of day in 1849, adorning the 4th rate, 50-gun HMS Arethusa, she is entitled to be showing her age a bit, maybe – but Richard is anxious to arrest her sad decline.

"She has stood out in the open for many years in all weathers – and now funds must be found for a full conservation project, or like many others of her kind in the past she will soon be lost," he told *Navy News*.

The 1849 Arethusa, the fifth of the name, saw active service in the Crimean War during which she had the distinction of being the last Naval sailing vessel to go into action under sail alone. After firing several broadsides she was so damaged that she had to be sent back to Malta for repairs before returning to the UK. She was sold out of the Navy in 1874 to become the Training Ship Arethusa under the care of the Shaftesbury Homes. Originally moored on the Thames, she was later moved to the Medway, near Rochester. By 1932 the fabric of the ship had become dangerous and she was broken up and replaced in the role by

the German barque *Peking* – herself now being restored at the South Street Seaport Museum, New York.

The figurehead survived, though – and Richard has discovered that she originally had three sisters.

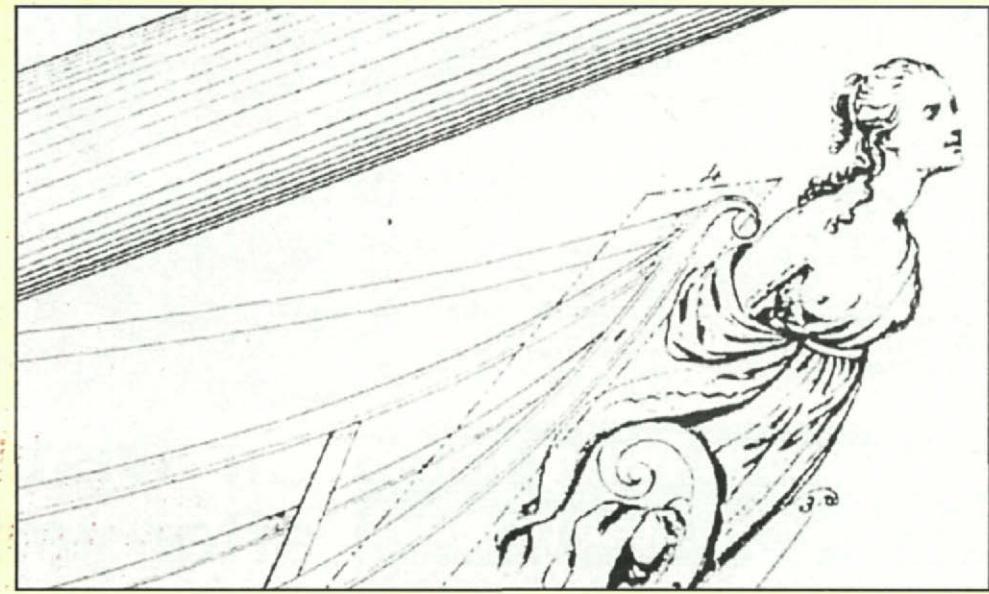
"In 1847 the Hellyer family of figurehead carvers sent the Lords of the Admiralty a sheet with several sketches of the proposed figureheads and stern carvings for four vessels being built at the Dockyard at Pembroke – Arethusa and Octavia, both 50 guns, and the 16-gun *Atalanta* and *Camilla*." (See below)

"Only the drawings of Arethusa and *Atalanta* are shown, the body of each being much the same – so in many ways Arethusa would have had at least three other sisters, all carved by the same craftsman within a few months of each other.

"As with many vessels in the Royal Navy at this time, the name Arethusa has its roots in classical mythology. Arethusa was the daughter of Nereus and Doris. She was a nymph changed by Artemis into a fountain to free her from the amorous approach of the river god Alpheus."

Sailors don't change, do they...

□ The Arethusa Venture Centre would like to hear from anyone with ideas for the restoration of their figurehead. Write to them at Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB or tel 01634 719933.



ROYAL Navy Clearance Divers have recovered the bell from the battleship Prince of Wales, sunk together with the battlecruiser HMS Repulse off the east coast of Malaya by Japanese torpedo bombers in 1941.

The ships are UK Military maritime Graves and have recently been designated as protected places under the Protection of Military Remains Act of 1986.

But since the wrecks lie in international waters the risk of interference still exists. The UK works with the Malaysian and Singaporean governments to restrict the activities of trophy hunters, but there is a limit to what can be achieved.

It was reported in 1990 that "pirate" divers had been secretly plundering the wrecks, taking away portholes, shell casings and propellers – to the particular distress of the survivors' association.

Last June a team of British sports divers took video footage which identified the bell from the Prince of Wales and offered to retrieve it.

Later the MOD agreed with the survivors to set up a joint team of 12 RN divers and five sports divers who finally recovered the bell on August 6.

The wrecks lie in 55-65m of water and the current can be strong enough to prevent swimming. Bad weather on the surface stirs up the silt and mud on the seabed, reducing visibility to almost zero.

The divers took digital cameras and underwater video equipment with them – and a White Ensign to be lowered over the wrecks.

Superintendent Diving Cdr Simon Nicholson told *Navy News* he found the Prince of Wales to be "a very peaceful and serene wreck".

"To go looking for something that size in the seabed was a challenge. There was a huge amount of jubilation."

Said Ken Byrne, a Boy Seaman First Class just three weeks past 17 on board when the ship sank, on seeing the bell again: "So fantastic. I remember it on the quarterdeck. The bell is always the heart of the ship."

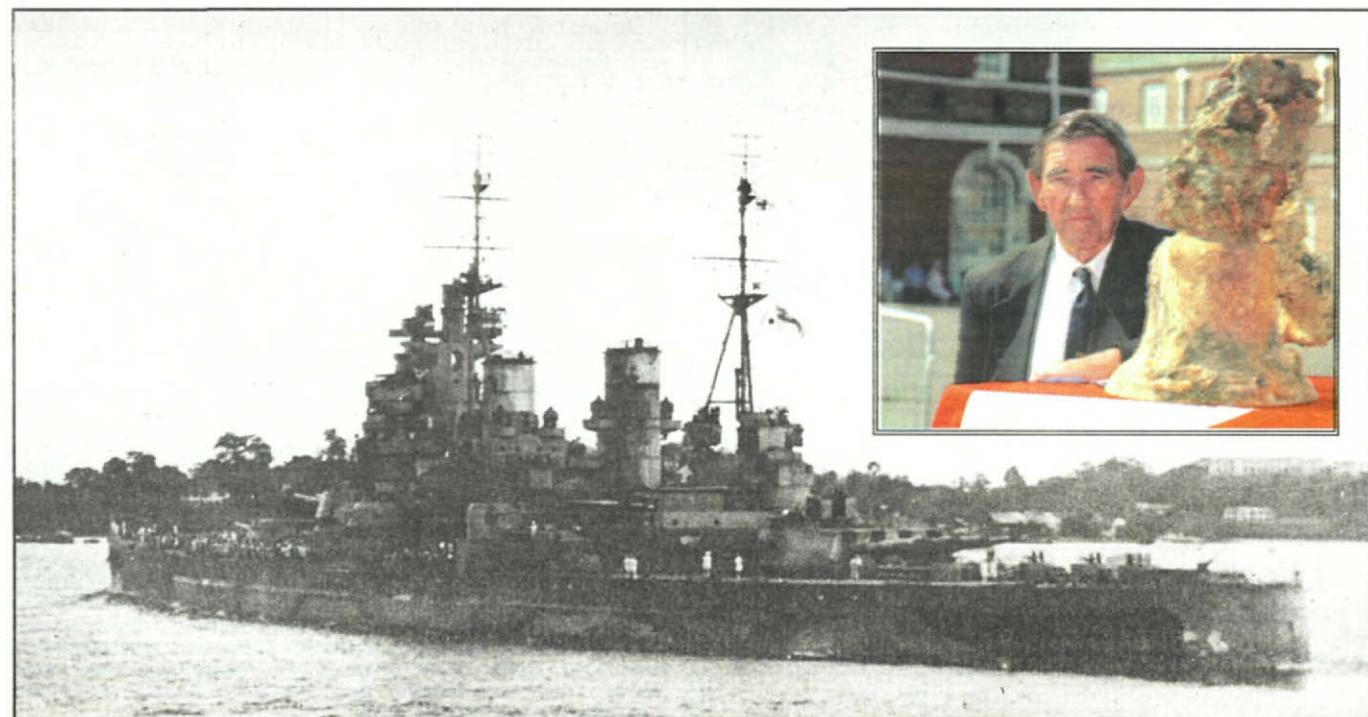
The bell is to be restored in Portsmouth Naval Base and its final resting place decided after discussion with survivors.

The sinking of the two ships, in which 764 of the ships' companies were lost, was described by Sir Winston Churchill as the worst defeat in British naval history.

Their destruction was followed by the fall of Singapore and marked the beginning of the end of the British Empire.

● LAST PICTURE: HMS Prince of Wales is seen sailing from Singapore on December 8, 1941, two days before she was sunk by Japanese aircraft. The photograph was not released until 1945. Inset: Ken Byrne with the recovered ship's bell

Prince of Wales bell saved by divers



Ships of the Royal Navy No 562



Caribbean seas call RFA tanker

ROAMING the seas of the world providing essential supplies to Royal Navy vessels, RFA Black Rover is one of three small fleet support tankers in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Flotilla.

These ships are normally employed supporting individual warships or small groups on deployment.

Replenishment supplies include fuel oil, aviation fuel, lubricants, fresh water and a limited amount of dry cargo and refrigerated stores, all of which are transferred while both ships are under way by means of replenishment at sea (RAS).

This complex process requires warship and RFA to steam along side-by-side while the stores and fuel are transferred from one ship to the other via hoses and lines rigged between the two vessels.

RFA Black Rover is set up to be able to RAS two ships simultaneously – one on each side.

Expert seamanship is required to complete this difficult operation successfully, particularly in rough weather and at night.

One of this class is used as the Atlantic Patrol Tanker (North) usually operating in the Caribbean, another as the Atlantic Patrol Tanker (South) based in the Falklands, while the third is the training tanker at Plymouth, working with warships carrying out their operational sea training (OST).

RFA Black Rover was the Atlantic Patrol Tanker (South) last year, returning to Plymouth via Freetown in Sierra Leone in November.

Following a self-maintenance period at Devonport she then took on the duties as OST tanker, working with HMS Ark Royal.

In March she de-stored at Devonport and then proceeded to Portsmouth naval base for refit. This was completed in June.

The ship then represented the RFA, along with RFA Sir Bedivere, at the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations on June 27.

RFA Black Rover has now once again taken up duties with OST and is expected to take over as Atlantic Patrol Tanker (North)



● RFA Black Rover conducting replenishment at sea

later this year.

She was built by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders on the Tyne, and was accepted into service in the RFA in 1974.

Her ship's company is made up of 54 officers and ratings, all of whom are British-registered civilian seafarers.

RFA Black Rover is the first Navy vessel to carry the name.

Facts and figures

Class: Small fleet tanker
Pennant number: A273
Builder: Swan Hunter, Wallsend-on-Tyne
Lloyds classification: +100A1
Launched: 30 October 1973
Commissioned: 23 August 1974
Displacement: 11,522 tons (full load), 4,700 tons (light)

Length: 140.59 metres
Beam: 19.2 metres
Draught: 7.32 metres
Measurements, tons: 7,574 gross, 3,185 net
Speed: 17 knots (normal); 19 knots (max)
Range: 15,000 miles at 15 knots
Complement: 54

Cargo capacity: 6,600 tons fuel
Propulsion: Two Crossley-Pielstick 16PC2V and one 500hp bow thruster
Designed power: 15,360hp per engine
Flight deck: one spot for Sea King or Lynx
Flight deck letters: BV

AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL NAVY No 71



● The first seaplane designed for carrier vessels, the Fairey Campania Picture: Fleet Air Arm Museum

Fairey Campania

THE advent of the Fairey Campania was a significant moment in the history of naval aviation since this was the first seaplane specifically designed to operate from carrier vessels.

Initial attempts using floatplanes had proven a failure, since aircraft were laboriously hoisted on and off ship for sea-borne take-offs, a dangerous operation in itself and necessitating a risky delay for the carrier in vulnerable waters.

HM Seaplane Carrier Campania, a converted Cunard liner, gave its name to this new breed of specially-designed Fairey seaplane that first flew from her decks in 1917. Her initial flightdeck of 120ft was extended to 200ft for takeoffs using a four-wheeled single-axle trolley as an undercarriage.

The prototype Campania, N1000, flew with a 250hp Rolls Royce MkIV engine and was followed by a second prototype, N1001, with significant changes to the original aircraft.

These included a 275hp Rolls Royce MkV, later known as Eagle V, engine mounted further forward with exhaust stacks ahead of the wing. The wing section was improved, and the fin and rudder increased in size.

N1001 proved the model for further developments in the Campania that included the N1006 that was powered by a 260hp Sunbeam Maori II engine. These Maori engines featured in 25 Campanias, with the Rolls Royce Eagle IVs, Vs and VIIIs appearing in the early production run, and the majority using the 345hp Eagle VIII with some 325hp Eagle VIIIs.

The two-seat coastal patrol or carrier-borne reconnaissance seaplane operated from a number of Royal Navy Air Stations, and from the carriers Campania, Nairana (a converted Australian mail steamer) and Pegasus (previously the steamer Stockholm).

The Campania's last frontline role was an attack with two Sopwith Camels from the Nairana as part of the British North Russian Expeditionary Force in 1919.

Serial numbers were allowed for 200 Campanias, but only 100 were ordered. From this total, just 62 were eventually completed.

The Campanias had a wooden structure that was covered with fabric. In length, the aircraft (in all models except its N1000 incarnation) was 43ft 1in, with a wingspan of 61ft 7in and a height of 15ft 1in.



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Letters

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BY TIDD



Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Niagara's call to

Nelson



• NIAGARA CALLING: Derek Tidd, Official Town Crier of Niagara Falls, Ontario offers to sing Nelson's praises



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YANGTSE MOVIE TEASER

WITH reference to Bob Baker's resume of the film *Yangtse Incident* (July issue) he hasn't quite got his facts right.

While waiting for the new Daring-class destroyer HMS Delight to commission at Chatham in 1956, several UW ratings, including myself, were loaned to HMS Ganges to help RKO films to lay and prepare numerous plastic explosive charges in four lines on the River Orwell, four miles up river from Ganges.

Each charge consisted of three sticks of PE and was suspended about nine inches below cork floats to give the desired effect.

A Lt Reed, RCN and a petty officer from HMS Vernon also took part in the project. An LCI manned by two local fishermen and the UW ratings checked the four lines of wires after each firing sequence. Thus all charges were accounted for. In two weeks of firing, we only had one charge that failed to fire.

Fixoflex cable, supplied in 100yd lengths and with 15 watertight joints, was made up

by trainees in Nelson Hall. The cable runs from the charges were brought back to Amethyst's quarterdeck and fired by supplies from four accumulators.

For the underway shots HMS Magpie was used and not HMS Essex, as stated by Bob Baker. A 'T' class destroyer from Portland, I believe HMS Teaser, played the part of HMS Consort under fire and also that of Concord at the end of the run to the sea.

After the two weeks at Ganges, all the UW ratings returned to RNB(Chatham) and we all reported to the Post Office to collect a registered letter each containing £33 from RKO – quite a windfall at that time.

After about a week, I reported to Ganges again and joined up with a chief diver from Vernon. This time we had to lay single shot charges near the ship's hull. These were not charges from the controlled

firing of two weeks earlier and one did not "drift unnoticed under the ship" – it was placed a little too close for the hull to stand the shock.

During the filming, a class of Gunnery ratings from Whale Island manned the guns and the director and Ganges provided many extras for various jobs on board ship.

– A. Quartermaine, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

• FILM STAR: HMS Teaser



Not so well endowed? Talk to the Ombudsman

IN THE pre-property boom of the late 1980s I bought a flat in London in order to provide the capital base for house purchase when I eventually came to leave the RAF.

The rent effectively paid the mortgage. This was not widespread practice at the time as there were very few lenders who would provide a mortgage for what has now become well known as "buy to let".

The only way to do so then was through specialist agents.

I found such an agent, through the recommendation of an Army officer who had had the same aim and got a mortgage. The flat has never been empty and capital growth has been very good.

All very satisfactory – except the endowment to cover the mortgage was miss-sold by the agent. So ruled the Ombudsman in July 2001 after I had fought for a year for compensation.

That was only the halfway stage. Another year of embattled correspondence with the agent saw me move through various levels of compensation offers to a final settlement of over £17,000.

I know my agent dealt with several other serving personnel at the time, so my message to all of them is, look very closely at your policies and if you think you were miss-sold an endowment take your case to the Ombudsman. It's hard work, takes time – but is worth the effort – **Name and address supplied.**

Final role of LCT 940

I WAS interested to read the letter from J. Baker of Clacton (July issue). Perhaps he may be interested in the fate of LCT 940?

In 1945 the ship was in Poole and paying off from the Royal Navy and was handed over to the

Merchant Navy to be part of a small flotilla of three LCTs – 611, 836 and 940.

They sailed between Poole and the Normandy coast, either up the canal to Caen or to Deauville, where they were loaded with scrap steel, cut up guns, tanks etc from the war area.

They were loaded by German prisoners of war (possibly the same mob who took the mick of Mr Baker) and they took many weeks to get a full load on board.

Alongside Poole Quay the steel was loaded into railway trucks to go to the steelworks in Wales.

All went well until LCT 611 sailed, probably overloaded, in the teeth of a Force 8 gale which broke the ship's back.

She returned to Poole with the forward section bobbing up and down some 4ft. I was told by some of the crew that the anchor wire was taken from the capstan to the bow ramp and hauled taut to stop the whole lot parting just forward of the island. That was the end of the idyllic trips to France.

LCT 940 was paid off at Lake Shipyard in Poole and finished her days as a breakwater with one other LCT at the end of New Quay Road, Hamworthy, to prevent the main channel silting up.

She is now probably somewhere under the Brittany ferry terminal. – B. Broadley, Besseges, France.

Letters



Selfless example

COMPASS POINTERS WANTED

I WONDER if your readers can help identify a compass I bought?

It is made of brass, weighs 1 1/2lb, is approx 3 1/2in across with straight edges and generously rounded corners. When closed it is 1 1/2in thick.

The base has two grooves which suggest it might have slotted into a frame in use. The lid carries the legend 'Made for the Royal Navy, Stanley, London Mk1 1941' a slender arrow and a stylised sailing ship.

Across the face of the compass is a large sight which is unfolded in use, readings being taken through a mirror inside the lid.

The most unusual features are two spirit levels inside which are controlled in unison by a lever underneath. A round spirit level indicates the compass is level, as flat, while a small tubular level can measure degrees of slope.

The massive hinge for the 'sight' means the compass is not watertight. Who on board ship would use such a compass?

I have been told it might have been assembled in the Far East using components manufactured in the UK, or even that copies were made in India of UK design.

There is no serial number anywhere and the bezel marked in degrees cannot be rotated. – W. Lewis, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.



Tactician NOT last

Plea for younger war widows to take the reins

WHEN we began the War Widows Association of Great Britain we were a small group of 14 women, smarting under a great sense of injustice.

Our pension was fully taken into account by the Inland Revenue when we were

assessed for tax purposes and clawed back from our wages and we decided that enough

was enough.

The war pension at this time was never enough to support a family, except in the most meagre fashion.

From that tiny and frail beginning we have become a national association with a royal patron, respected, recognised and with quite a bit of clout.

But those of us widowed by World War II are all becoming old and we need young women – Servicewomen or the wives of Servicemen, not necessarily widows – to join us if the Association is to survive to serve the next generations as well as it has served mine.

We are fully aware of the problems of the younger widow, we need your support on our committee and as our regional organisers and we need you to be able and eager to take over the reins when we lay them down. – J. M. Maxwell, London NW3

The story goes that a U-boat landed three saboteurs or spies dressed in Royal Navy uniform on the coast of the Cape Peninsula, but were confronted by the Great Dane, whose nose failed to detect the normal all-pervading aroma of rum and decided the trio were most suspicious.

He summoned the nearest Military Police and the three would-be saboteurs/spies were duly apprehended and executed. No official records exist as these would presumably have been returned to the UK when the Royal Navy vacated Simon's Town in the late 1950s.

AB Just Nuisance passed away in 1943, after succumbing to cirrhosis of the liver. He was buried with full military honours in Simon's Town.

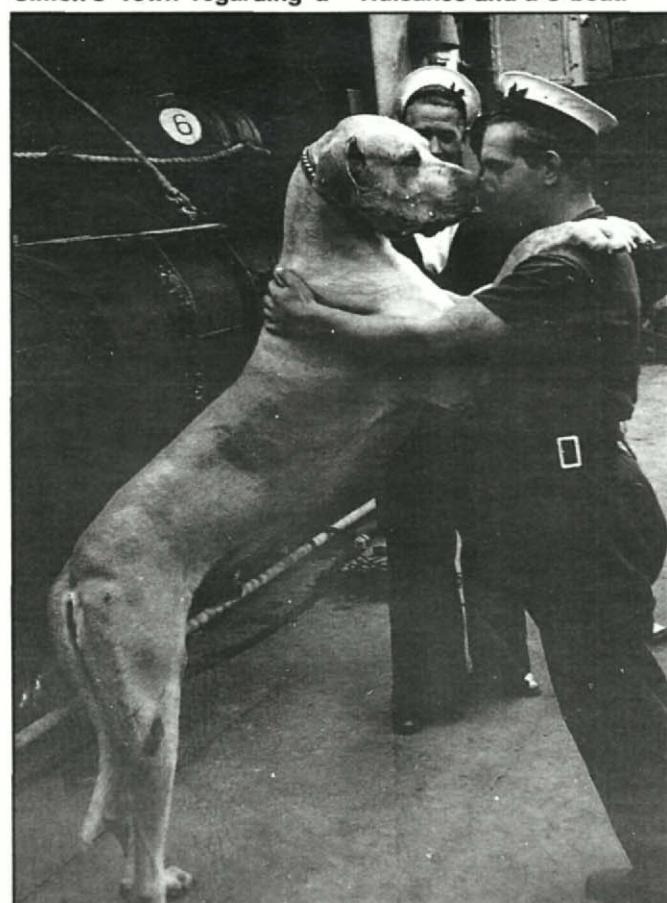
Currently a history of the local area is being written and it would be appreciated if any of your readers could confirm or embellish the story. – P. De Klerk, Fish Hoek, South Africa.

Sounds an unlikely tale to me – but you never know. One bone of contention, don't give a dog a bad name – I understand Just Nuisance died of a thrombosis after injuring his hindquarters jumping off a moving bus. – Ed

• MATELOT'S BEST FRIEND: Just Nuisance on board HMS Encounter at Simon's Town early in World War II. The destroyer was later sunk in the Battle of the Java Sea

RECENTLY there has been some speculation here in Simon's Town regarding a

World War II incident involving canine hero Just Nuisance and a U-boat.



Unwanted clutter

MOUNTBATTEN'S iceberg ship and the passing of Rear Admiral Philip Gick both appeared in the March issue and reminded me of an incident that concerned them both.

Before being appointed C-in-C Mediterranean in 1952 Mountbatten was 4th Sea Lord ("nuts and bolts"). He invented the "Mountbatten station keeping equipment", a somewhat Heath Robinson contraption, so I was told.

Knowing he was to be C-in-C Med and also that HMS Daring would join the Med Fleet in six months, Mountbatten had his invention installed in her.

As PO Writer and stenographer on the Mountbatten staff, I was called to the Admiral's day cabin, where my Admiral dictated a number of letters to Captain Gick on Daring – cancelling each.

The eventual short letter which was sent was equally baffling to me until I was handed a report from Daring to C-in-C Med after six months trial of the Mountbatten equipment.

Capt Gick summarised his report by saying "The equipment clutters up an already over-crowded ops room and is a hazard to my ship."

In the Admiral's office we won the bet – eventually – that Capt Gick would reach Flag Rank. – A. C. Worrall, Felixstowe

As noted in our March obituaries column, Rear Admiral Gick was the only Naval officer to be fined for speeding on the Suez Canal. – Ed

Magnetic personality

I WAS pleased to read in the June issue that Lt Cdr Roy Edwards and Ensign John Howard are to be honoured with a memorial plaque.

I was stationed at HMS Watchful and Edwards used to come into the SDO to see if there were any signals for him.

Sometimes he would make out he was in a hurry because of a UXB in the back of his car "which might go off at any minute".

And once he amused us with the tale of his first magnetic mine when he had to strip off all uniform which had metal on it and ended up in his underpants only.

He was always very casual, very nonchalant, which I suppose came because of the danger of his job.

It is good when brave men are remembered.

I was also pleased to read about the exhibition at the old Royal Naval College at Greenwich where I had three very happy stays, the first being as a Pro-Wren in 1940, then on a T/P instructors course and finally as a Cadet Wren.

After that I went to C-in-C Western Approaches for the rest of the war, a time which included two trips in SS Pasteur, once to New York and once to Halifax.

– J. Calmady-Hamlyn, Okehampton, Devon

China Fleet

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(July to October 2002. Based on 4 people sharing.)

Naval personnel and families especially welcome



Manchester is back in business

DESTROYER HMS Manchester has rejoined the Royal Navy fleet after a year away from the action.

Manchester was rededicated at a ceremony in Portsmouth Naval Base following an extensive maintenance period in Devonport, when she underwent major internal refurbishment and her weapons systems were overhauled.

The six weeks prior to the rededication, at the end of July, saw Manchester and her ship's company of 269 undergoing extensive sea trials off Plymouth.

The warship's first post-refit deployment in November is likely to take her to the Mediterranean.

New attraction

HMS BRONINGTON, the mine-hunter commanded by the Prince of Wales in 1976, has joined the Warship Preservation Trust's collection in the east Float Dock at Birkenhead.

There the Ton-class warship joins frigate HMS Plymouth, submarine HMS Onyx, LCT 7074 – the last surviving tank landing craft from D-Day – and U-534, the German submarine sunk in 1945 and raised after 48 years underwater.

Top marks for Navy's supply school

THE RN Supply School at HMS Raleigh has been named as one of the top adult training providers in a government report.

The Adult Learning Inspectorate (ALI) picked out the school as one of only 24 organisations to receive the top two grades for all aspects of its training.

The report found a stark contrast in the rest of the sector, where 60 per cent of work-based training was deemed inadequate, with on average only one third of

modern apprentices achieving their final qualification.

Chief inspector of the ALI, David Sherlock said: "This is a wonderful achievement by the Royal Naval Supply School – the quality of their training is a model for others to aspire to."

The unit is the lead school for supply issues, offering training to 2,500 personnel including new recruits in catering and hospitality.

Training is provided in-house by qual-

fied assessors, with the students working towards NVQs at level 2. The School has proven particularly effective at retaining interest in its courses, with 93 per cent retention of its modern apprentices in the current year.

Lt Cdr Neil McMullan, who looked after the inspection team, said: "This is good recognition for HMS Raleigh, the Royal Navy and the Armed Forces in general for the standard of training."

Racing cert for Forces

CHEPSTOW racecourse is to stage a special Forces Day card in November.

The event, on Saturday, November 9, will start at 12.55pm, and the feature race will be for the Tote Silver Trophy.

The meeting is expected to be covered live by BBC TV.

The Commercial Manager at the course, Andrew Doe, said that there were three reasons why the racecourse, in South Wales, had decided to hold a Forces Day.

The first was to offer serving members of the Armed Forces, and civilians who work on bases, a discounted day's racing.

The second was to add attractions to the racecourse on the day for civilian racegoers – in this case in the form of static displays and information points supplied by local regiments and units, and organised by the Royal British Legion.

Finally, a collection will be made for the Poppy Appeal, which Chepstow Racecourse has supported all year.

On production of an ID card members of the Armed Forces and defence civilians will get half-price admission; normal ticket prices are £11 for the Tattersalls Enclosure and £16 for the Members Enclosure.

To book tickets by credit or debit card, telephone the Racecourse Office on 01291 622260; the course website is at www.chepstow-racecourse.co.uk

£4.1m grant for Mary Rose

THE MARY Rose Trust has won a £4.1m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to complete the second phase of conservation of Henry VIII's warship.

Phase II will see the completion of the soaking of the Tudor ship's timbers with a water-based wax solution which will stabilise the outer, decayed layer once drying begins.

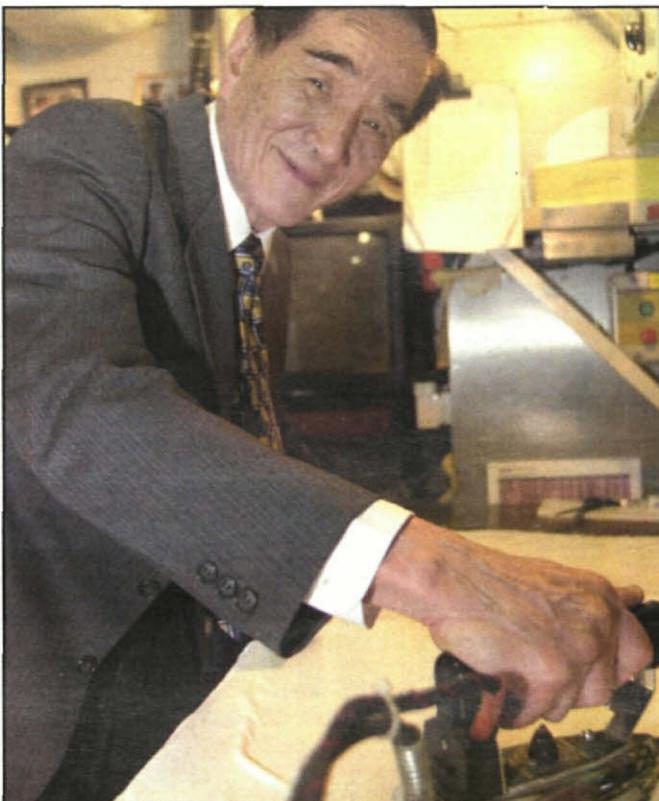
The spraying of the hull is expected to end in 2008, and air-drying will take a further five years.

The grant will also allow refurbishment of the Mary Rose Ship Hall, in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, including roof repairs and improvements to the visitor gallery.

Ship on TV

A NEW BBC2 documentary is promising to throw new light on historical and scientific aspects of Captain Cook's voyage to the South Seas.

The exploits of 41 volunteers and 15 working crew on an exact replica of the Endeavour during a six-week journey have been filmed for *The Ship*.



● Mr Chick at work

New lease of life for HMS Cromer

FORMER Sandown-class mine-hunter HMS Cromer will get a new lease of life as the new training vessel for Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

The Warship Support Agency has awarded a £270,000 conversion contract to VT Integrated Logistics, part of the VT Group plc (formerly Vosper Thornycroft).

It will see the ship undergo a major conversion and refurbishment programme, re-entering service later in the winter as the main training vessel for the college.

The contract was managed and let by the Bristol-based Minor Warships Auxiliary and Boats pro-

ject team, whose leader Clive Buckley said: "I am delighted to award this contract to VT."

"HMS Cromer was no longer required as a minehunter, and it is good news to see her undergoing a conversion programme that will see her re-roled as the primary training vessel for the UK's number one naval training college."

Once in service at Dartmouth, Cromer will be given the name Hindostan – traditionally the name borne by all the college's training vessels since 1864.

Cromer was decommissioned last year after nine years of service with the Royal Navy.

She was towed to the River Dart earlier in the summer and work has already begun on her conversion.

She will be fitted with a lecture room and various training and accommodation facilities.

She will also be modified to allow mooring at Sandquay, Dartmouth.

Rare run ashore for submariners

TRIDENT missile submarine HMS Vigilant has had work carried out on her weapons system in the United States – giving some of her crew their first run ashore in more than ten years of service.

Vigilant was in King's Bay, Georgia, to carry out work on her strategic weapons system at the impressive US Navy Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic.

The British submarine was hosted by the officers and crew of the USS Louisiana, who organised events such as a bowling competition and a golf match at one of the local exclusive courses.

While in the home of the US Atlantic submarine fleet, Cdr Garry Newton handed over command of the boat to Cdr Neil Jervis.

Bands battle for title at festival

TEN VOLUNTEER bands, comprising both military and civilian personnel, competed in the RN Volunteer Band Festival at Devonport Naval Base.

The bands, from as far afield as Scotland and Gibraltar, gave both marching and concert performances, presenting the judges from the Royal Marines Band Service with some tough decisions to make.

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● The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust raised a record £30,000 with its annual Clay Pigeon Shoot. Organiser Capt John Wills (right) is photographed with participant, OM(MW) Nick Mutch.

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● Sports day for the St Dunstaners at HMS Sultan

Picture: LA(Phot) John Burgess

A dog's life for FAA men

PROUD to call themselves dogs, each year a group of Fleet Air Arm volunteers get together to organise a week of sports and games at HMS Sultan for blind ex-Service men from St Dunstan's.

One of the organisers CPO Neil Mason explained: "The volunteers are traditionally called 'dogs' after the guide dogs they replace - we act as their dogs for the whole time."

This year 29 campers enjoyed a week with visits to the golf-course, days at sea and sporting challenges and competitions.

Ages range from 24 to 88 with a mix of needs - some partially sighted, some totally blind, and some with additional disabilities.

For ex-Army man Chris Ottewell, aged 59, this was his third year at the camp. He explained: "It's the competition and camaraderie, it's second to none."

"So many people from all different age groups and ranges of life - old and new, past and present."

Arthur Carter (78) is a Navy man who has been coming to the camp since 1972, and in that time he has only missed two years. He described the week as "wonderful".

The St Dunstan's Summer Camp is a Fleet Air Arm tradition that has been going on for over 50 years.

The camp originally began in 1920 as an initiative by Mrs Avis Spurway that she ran at her own home.

After the war, Mrs Spurway settled in Titchfield where she met an admiral who offered the use of HMS Daedalus to run the camp.

It was then suggested that the FAA Field Gun crew should each year send field gunners to act as dogs for the week.

With the closure of Daedalus, HMS Sultan welcomed the camp with its volunteers to its site.

Mrs Spurway is still indirectly part of the event through her cousin, Elspeth Grant, who has been organising the event for St Dunstan's for the last 30 years.

She said: "We have a wonderful time, with a long programme of activities - gliding, sports, archery."

The end of the Field Gun Race meant that the crew of dogs is now purely volunteer.

Co-organiser WO Dave Burrows said: "We have a hard core of campers and dogs who come back year after year."

"But we are always looking for volunteers," he added.



Picture: LA(Phot) Darren MacDonald

● **LOM(AWT) Sean Von Ryan and LWEA Rich Kenney** paint a ward at Pearn Convalescent Home in Plymouth.



● Amy Connolly with mother Gina and family

Naval charities give wheels to Plymouth girl

INDEPENDENT movement in her own home is now possible for Plymouth girl Amy Connolly, after Royal Navy charities joined together to buy her a new wheelchair.

Amy was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer at the age of six months, and has been treated throughout her life for tumours in her bone marrow, spine and elsewhere in her body.

Amy's father John is a Warrant Officer who works for Flag Officer Sea Training. The family turned to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) for help.

It took just two months for the Association to secure the funding from the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Children's Trust.

The new wheelchair offers Amy freedom of movement at home and at large because it packs up small to be carried in cars.

Services pull for charity

IT'S become an annual challenge for the emergency services of the Plymouth area - but Devon Fire and Rescue Service were triumphant once more in the Plymouth Charity Boat Pull.

In two heats, six teams of a coxswain and four hard-working rowers laboured at the oars to race across the River Tamar and win the coveted title. Chief Fire Officer Paul Young of Devon Fire and Rescue started the race from Jupiter Point, near Torpoint.

The Boat Pull is sponsored by the Royal Naval Service Police and drew entries from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, Ministry of Defence Police, West Country Ambulance Service and HM Coastguard.

Always conducted with good-humoured competitiveness, the main aim of all taking part was to raise money for this year's charity, the Burns Unit at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth.

The carnival atmosphere was heightened with each team donning pirate dress for the event.

RPO Korena James on the staff of the Naval Provost Marshal said: "This year's race was keenly fought and eventually won yet again by a team from Devon Fire and Rescue Service.

"Lots of support was given by families, friends and the local community down at the finishing line by cheering the boats in."

Brushing up their skills

TWO Devonport teams of sailors are putting a lick of paint on care facilities in Plymouth.

A group of seven is labouring away at the Pearn Convalescent Home in Hartley. Team leader PO Lee Taylor said: "We can all paint in a straight line, but I wouldn't call us expert decorators. Our normal line of work is electronic engineering."

The other gang of 15 can be found at Astor Hall in Stoke where they are working on the building both inside and out. CPO Danny Wharton, team leader, lives nearby and spotted the chance for some community work.

Helping Hands



News in brief

■ COLLINGWOOD folk have been putting their efforts into charity bonuses.

Artificer Apprentices and OM(C) trainees took part in Trailwalker 2002, covering 100km in less than 22 hours, to gain £300 for Oxfam and the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Members of the Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess have given a specially-made rocking chair for use by children at Wessex Children's Hospice Trust, Naomi House in Winchester.

Gosport Fleet Air Arm Association gave another one of these chairs to the Trust.

■ THE Royal British Legion is taking on ESHRA, the UK's only referral agency for all ex-Service people and their dependants seeking residential and nursing care, after a two-year trial. Information on the service can be gathered from 020 7839 4466.

The Lancaster students who were tackling Ben Nevis on behalf of the Legion have raised over £500, despite blisters and broken bones. In fact, one of the three managed to break both his big toes in the course of their four-day trek.

The Legion has arranged a sponsored bike ride from London to Paris in early September. More information from Matt Taylor on 020 7973 7350.

■ TRADITIONALLY each year members of the Joint Services Command and Staff College club together to make a presentation to the college that invariably is of a wall-hanging nature.

But not this year, because the Defence Academy students decided to sponsor a Guide Dog through its first year of training.

The dog's name was chosen to keep a link with the college, the emblem for which is the cormorant. This was a bit of a mouthful for a working dog, so keeping the seabird theme the canine will be called Shaggs.

■ THE King George's Fund for Sailors received a boost of over £7,500 from the RNNS Yeovilton London marathon team.

■ QINETIQ scientist Andy Mitchell and ex-Navy man BAE engineer Andy White made over £1,000 for charity Cancer BACUP during a gruelling ride over a stage of the Tour de France.

■ FOUR Abbey Wood cyclists pedalled from Bristol to Plymouth to raise money for CLIC and Dorothy House Hospice. The team from StratSys IPT made £680.

■ PHYSICAL Training Qualifiers Course 44 helped out at Marconi's open day to contribute £200 to the total of £2,000 for various children's charities.

■ LPT Karl Hille of HMS Nelson presented a cheque for £3,000 raised by the Portsmouth base's hard work to the Alton 3 Children's Ward at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

■ SSAFA Forces Help and the Army Benevolent Fund are staging a concert in Winchester Cathedral on November 6 to raise money. The Band and Bugles of the Light Division, the Band of the Adjutant General's Corps with the Pipers of the Scots Guards will be part of the event.

Tickets: 01962 877977.

■ IMES, the specialist engineering group, were main sponsor at this year's Faslane Fair. By putting up generous sponsorship of over £13,000, it relieved organisers to concentrate on fundraising on the day.

■ NAVAL types, both serving and former, took part in the Portsmouth Relay for Life event. This 24-hour running, walking and crawling marathon took place at Victory Stadium in July.

HMS Blyth's XO, Lt 'Jack' MacWilliams raised over £350 for Cancer Research UK by running a total of 12 miles at odd times of the day and night.

Ex-Navy CPO Mick Ryan and POWTR Karen Payne ran for the AT&T team to raise funds.

Albanian kids delight in toys

SURVEY ship HMS Roebuck's PO Jez Grove made an appeal back in April for unwanted toys to take to Albania.

The appeal generated a huge response from local Plymouth people, and the ship set off in May packed to the gunwales with toys for the country's children.

The small survey ship was visiting the nation to conduct survey operations off the coast.

When the ship arrived in the Albanian port of Shengjin, Jez met up with a representative of the Save the Children Fund, and the two took on the mammoth task of unloading the bumper bounty of toys.

Jez said: "It took all morning to off-load them and they filled one large box-van and a four-wheel drive."

"The toys were then taken to the north of Albania by the charity and distributed between the kindergartens there."

He added: "I'd like to say a big thank you to all those people who donated and who have made a lot of children very happy."

HMS Roebuck has now returned to her Plymouth home after five weeks away surveying Albanian waters to help make the country's waters safe for international navigation.

The last RN coastal survey ship, Roebuck, is due to decommission in April next year with a ceremony and final Mess Dinner.

Sultan students aid Great Ormond Street

BETWEEN their studies, a class of HMS Sultan MEA Apprentices have set about raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

The group have been collecting at the local pubs, clubs and hosteries of Gosport. They even ventured out on a fancy-dress three-legged treasure hunt through Gosport and Portsmouth clutching collecting buckets.

The money garnered will go toward redecorating the hospital's Families Accommodation Block.



Provost's garden makeover

THE garden of a Plymouth refuge for victims of domestic violence has been transformed by volunteers from the Devonport Naval Provost Marshal.

MAA Rob McLachlan organised the efforts: "In the course of our work, we come in contact with many agencies and groups in the city who help victims of crime.

"We thought it would make a difference if women staying at this refuge could have a pleasant space to sit in and watch their children play safely."

Sue of the Plymouth Women's Refuge, that caters for up to 22 families, said: "Before it was a right mess with overgrown trees and bushes. Now we have a lovely private walled garden with flower beds and a barbecue area."



■ WO Al Forster and CPO Gary Calder were just two of the Portsmouth SFM staff who gave their boss, Bob Ball, the sack in aid of Sport Relief. The sponsored sack race round the building raised over £300 for the charity.



● HMS Ark Royal's cyclists

Picture: LA(Phot) Nicola Harper

Pedals power robot arm

LEEDS General Infirmary has been given a cheque for almost £8,000 by the keen cyclists of HMS Ark Royal to help buy an AESOP remote-controlled arm for key-hole surgery.

The cash was raised when a team of 11 cycled the 600-mile dis-

tance from Rosyth to Portsmouth, in an event organised by CPOs Kev Anderson and Chris Alderson.

HMS Ark Royal is Leeds' affiliated warship, with a history going back to World War II when the people of the city raised £9 million to finance the fourth Ark.

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People in the News



Model mania

TWELVE months of care and attention by CPO(M) Kev Leonard of HMS Calliope went into the building of this model of a World War II bomber airfield.

Kev got started on the project when he went with his grandmother to a reunion at the Lincolnshire Aviation Centre.

His grandfather had served with 630 Squadron, based at the East Kirkby site, as a Mid Upper Gunner on Lancaster Bombers and his grandmother served in the WAAFs in the same unit.

She suggested that he build a model for the Aviation Centre to give visitors an idea of what was once an operational airfield of bomber command.

The Aviation Centre is currently restoring a Lancaster bomber, Just Jane NX611, and hopes to get the aircraft airborne once again.

And Kev has now been drafted back to sea – in HMS Lancaster!

● CPO(M) Kev Leonard



● Now and then: (inset) PO Mick Envy greets his younger brother George at the end of the Falklands War; (above) CPO George meets Mick's son, Steve, at the same spot 20 years later

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Brothers in arms

EXACTLY 20 years since they first appeared in the pages of *Navy News*, the Envy brothers are back.

Then L/S(R) 'George' Envy of HMS Plymouth met with his older brother PO(S) Mick Envy of HMS Active at San Carlos Water in the final days of the Falklands War.

Time has moved on, and George is now CPO(AC) Envy, but on his first return to San Carlos Water in 20 years as a FOST Seairider in HMS Leeds Castle there was another flashback to the past.

In exactly the same spot as two decades earlier, George now appears in a photograph with his nephew, Mick's son SA Steve Rule who is serving in HMS Newcastle.

Both Rules took part in the commemoration service conducted at the San Carlos Memorial by the Type 42 destroyer.

George said: "It was a privilege to get back to San Carlos again.

"The service brought home how strong feelings are for all who were part of the fight to regain sovereignty of the islands."

He added: "My brother and I are immensely proud to have been able to serve our country through such a critical period.

"Where has the time gone? I am one of the dwindling number of Falkland veterans still serving in the Navy, and know how fortunate I was to return home."



Hidden smile

HMS GRAFTON'S BOST smile was given an extra boost when OM(AW)1 Gary Bellfield was presented with his sports lottery winnings by DFOST, Capt George Zambellas.

Strict 'nose-bag' discipline during a Thursday War prevents showing the full glory of his smile, but £1,500 the richer, he can't be too unhappy.

Naval notion strikes Leicester duo

THOUSANDS of miles could not stop two Leicestershire brothers from coming up with the same notion – that the Navy was the perfect choice for them. Nick Colvin, aged 24, returned from backpacking around Australia to announce his decision to join up – only to find younger brother Michael (22) had already done it! The two will train together at BRNC.



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Naval Divisions - not forgotten

GRAFTON-MAN OM2C
Paul Wilson represented the Type 23 frigate and Royal Navy at memorials to the fallen of World War I.

Paul first became interested in the history of WWI while studying at Dartmouth High School in Birmingham. The History department would set up visits to the Somme as part of the pupils' coursework.

These trips proved such a success with adults keen to escort the pupils that a second trip just for the grown-ups had to be arranged.

Paul has made the four-day trip twice as a student, and twice as an adult, but this year's visit was his first as a member of the Armed Services.

On this occasion, he laid a plaque of HMS Grafton's crest on behalf of the frigate at the Royal Naval Divisions monument at Beaucourt on the Somme.

This memorial marks the young men of the Navy who went into World War I as land troops.

The local people were attracted by the ceremony and a young boy from a nearby home presented Paul with a World War I shell case that was found in the surrounding fields.

The shell case is planned to go on board HMS Grafton as a memento of the visit.



● OM Paul Wilson with the young French boy who presented him with a WWI shell case found at the Somme



● Lt Jasen Sterry

Jasen's deeds win sword

LT JASEN Sterry has won the Admiral Sir Richard Clayton Memorial Sword for his achievements during training.

The sword is presented to the Senior Upper Yardman with the top performance at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) Dartmouth and the Maritime Warfare School at HMS Dryad.

Jasen described the award as an honour and a privilege.

His career in the Royal Navy began in 1985 as a Junior Radio Operator. He later transferred to the Regulating Branch in 1990 and was commissioned in 1999.

Jasen is currently serving as the Assistant Provost Marshal working in the personnel headquarters of the Royal Navy at Portsmouth naval base.

New association

A NEW association for HMS Neptune is to be founded by Nixie Taverner, the daughter of Capt Rory O'Conor, last WWII CO of the cruiser that was lost with 863 lives. Call 0208 949 3031.

Navy achieves youth first in Gibraltar

WRITER Angela Haywood and CPO Sara Moseley are the first Service volunteers in Gibraltar to achieve certificates in training in part-time Youth Work.

The two received their Government of Gibraltar/British Forces Youth Service certificates from the Commander British Forces, Cdre Richard Clapp.

Angela and Sara are volunteer assistants at the Top Rock Youth Club and survived a course of 12 modules over a 24-week period.

This training is designed to give participants the opportunity to experience and practice skills in youth work, and will serve as an asset in secondary careers.



● WO(Coxn)(SM) George Morton is shown receiving the clasp to his Long Service and Good Conduct medal, marking 30 years of outstanding service, from Commodore Naval Drafting, Cdre Duncan Ferguson. WO Morton began his naval career in May 1970 and has served in ships and submarines Jaguar, Renown, Revenge, Vanguard and Victorious. He became a WO Coxswain in 1991, and was awarded the MBE in 1999.

More than she bargained for

FOR Naval Reservist AB Sharly Ford from HMS Flying Fox her role as Wimbledon steward during the tournament had an unusual interlude. Sharly's quick-thinking came into action as she sprang forward with a blanket to protect the modesty of serial-streaker Mark Roberts in the men's final.

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THE NAVAL BASE AT DEVONPORT ENCOMPASSES AN



● HMS Vanguard arrives at Devonport in early February

Vanguard complex transforms dockyard

HMS VANGUARD arrived in Plymouth in early February to begin a thorough overhaul in the state-of-the-art refit complex built by Devonport Management Limited (DML).

Devonport was chosen in 1993 as the refitting base for the UK's nuclear-powered submarines, and since then DML has been in the throes of a massive redevelopment of 9 Dock and associated areas, otherwise known as the D154 project or the Vanguard refit complex.

Naval Base Commander, Cdre Cheadle said: "It's actually a transformation, and all sorts of new buildings have been built as a result of Vanguard."

DML's task has been to provide the facilities necessary to refit and refuel the Vanguard class of submarines, and to bring the other facilities that support the remainder of the UK's submarine fleet up to speed with modern developments.

A massive programme of building has stretched beyond 9 Dock to 14 and 15 Docks, the upgrading of berths and wharves, and new units and power-range testing facilities.

The naval base itself has spent the last two years planning for the arrival of HMS Vanguard. The focus was on the safe manoeuvring of the submarine into its new complex.

Locally the hydrographic service provided invaluable assistance with planning the entry route. People from the base travelled to Holland to use a simulator for large ship manoeuvring.

"It's been a good effort from the naval base to do its bit to get the submarine in, and a good effort from DML to get the facilities ready and working against a tight timescale," said Cdre Cheadle.

"The particularly pleasing thing was the way these two programmes wove themselves together and the submarine got in here without any incident. This was the culmination of two years hard work that worked first time."

At this time last year, the Vanguard refit complex was at its peak, employing an additional 2,865 personnel in its construction and build. Concern for safety has been prime, with every building strengthened to withstand the worst earthquakes that could strike the UK and a new low-level system for the transfer of used fuel.

In the first of three reports, we look at how Britain's naval bases are adapting to the needs of the future – in terms of the base, the fleet and the people who make up the communities that support the Royal Navy

Hassle-free haven promised for all Devonport sailors

"IT'S NOT complicated," said Cdre Ric Cheadle, Devonport Naval Base Commander, "the big thing is to offer better and more effective services to the Fleet. That's it."

"We want to give the sailor at Devonport a hassle-free place for him to do his business and a pleasant place for him to live."

Britain's naval bases are changing. As the Navy adapts to meet the differing needs of the global situation and responds to internal pressures within the Service, so the home bases are in a process of development to meet this future.

At Plymouth, these changes are being addressed from the Fleet perspective and the individual need, from management approach to geographical layout.

"We've been keen to put some real meaning behind the phrase 'One stop shop'", said Cdre Cheadle.

"We've done a lot of work over the last two years at relocating bits of the naval base business to the waterfront so that when a ship is here, the sailors can get a range of services without a four-mile hike from one end of the naval base to the other."

The day-to-day running of the Devonport flotilla has continued smoothly while management, structural and pastoral changes have transformed the way the naval base works.

Commodore Devonport Flotilla acts as the conduit to the Fleet Headquarters, and the Naval Base

Commander is linked in to the Warship Support Agency.

The two commodores work together to provide the Devonport Fleet with the complete package to meet every need.

The processes of ship support at base and refit have been brought together as a single process under the Warship Support Agency.

The resultant Warship Support Modernisation study is now in the consultation stage prior to vesting day and a greater integration between the commercial and public sectors.

Plymouth is to welcome the two new assault ships, HMS Albion and Bulwark, forming a centre for amphibious operations with its established ships, RFA Argus and HMS Ocean.

As part of normal business, Devonport plays host to visiting warships from across the globe, many of them in Plymouth to take part in the demanding programme of training from the Flag Officer Sea Training.

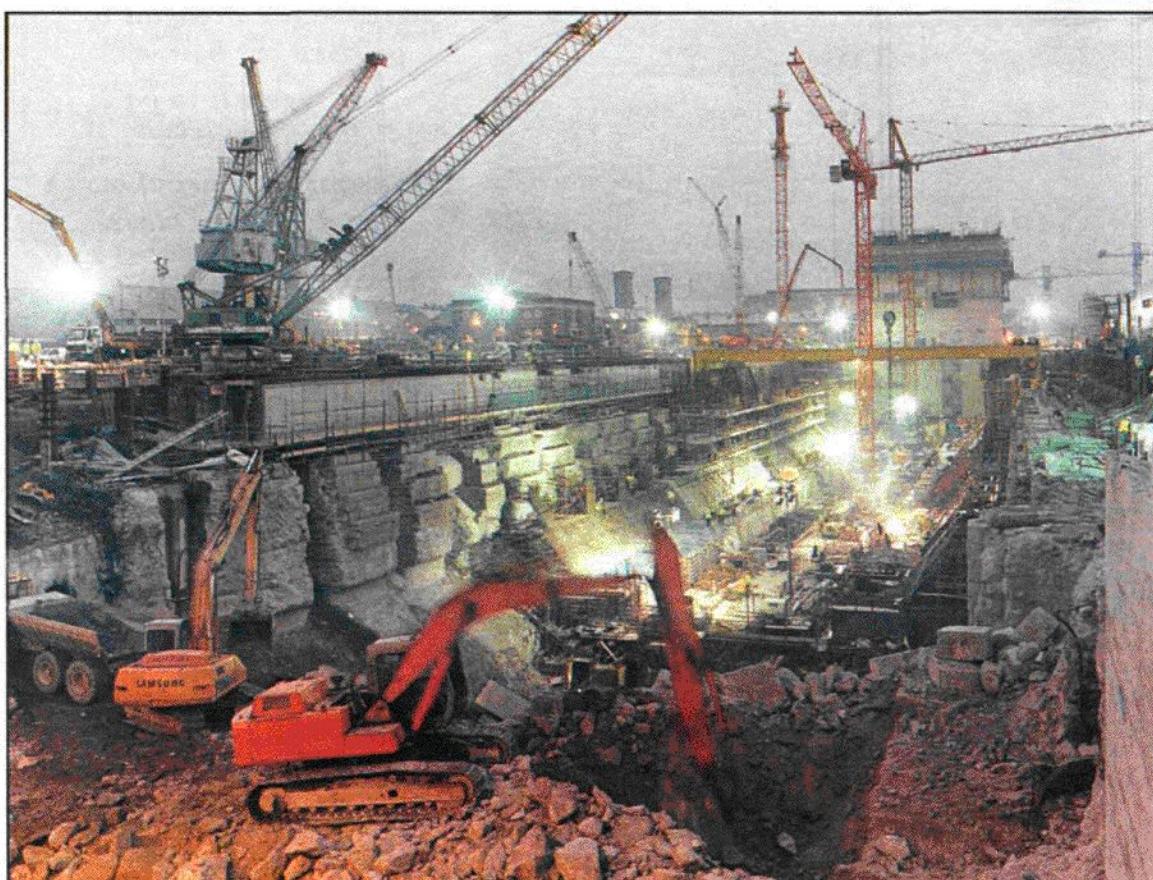
People, both Service and civilian, remain a focus for the base. The nature of the Single Living Accommodation is under review with Project Armada: "We're looking at the whole of accommodation – good, bad and ugly," said Cdre Cheadle.

The public are due to get easier access inside the base's walls, and in some cases, the walls will even come down. A heritage area is well along the road to development, and retired submarine Courageous will open to the public.

The city and community of Plymouth have received a financial boon from the building and development within the base, particularly the Devonport Management Limited (DML) work on the Vanguard Refit Complex.

The complex relationship between the city and base is of paramount importance to the Naval Base Commander: "Most of the things we do affect the city one way or the other, and vice versa. We rely on good relationships."

September will see the departure of Cdre Cheadle as Naval Base Commander, as he moves on with promotion to Rear Admiral to his next role as Chief of Staff for Second Sea Lord's organisation.



● The Vanguard Refit Complex at 9 Dock during construction



Picture: DML Photographics

● Retired submarine Courageous in her new Plymouth home as a visitor centre

ILLUSTRIOS HISTORY AND A PROSPEROUS FUTURE



• Helicopter assault ship HMS Ocean sets off from her Plymouth home on Exercise Argonaut 2001

Amphibious cards add up to full house

IT WAS announced earlier this year that Devonport was to become "a centre of amphibious shipping excellence" by Armed Forces Minister Adam Ingram.

The Plymouth base will be home to the Navy's two future assault ships, HMS Albion and Bulwark.

Still in build and the first expected to enter service in spring next year, the two new ships will join helicopter carrier HMS Ocean and RFA Argus in filling the jetties of the south-west.

"With 3 Commando based just round the corner at Stonehouse, we've collected the amphibious energy here in Devonport," said Naval Base Commander, Cdre Cheadle.

"We're looking forward to the arrival of Albion and Bulwark – so we'll have the whole pack of cards in the same place."

The two Landing Platform Dock (Replacement) ships, being built by BAE Systems, will take over from the now retired Fearless and Intrepid.

Their role is to provide amphibious capabilities to heavy lift to the Joint Rapid Reaction Force in

international operations, and a command platform for amphibious and task group operations.

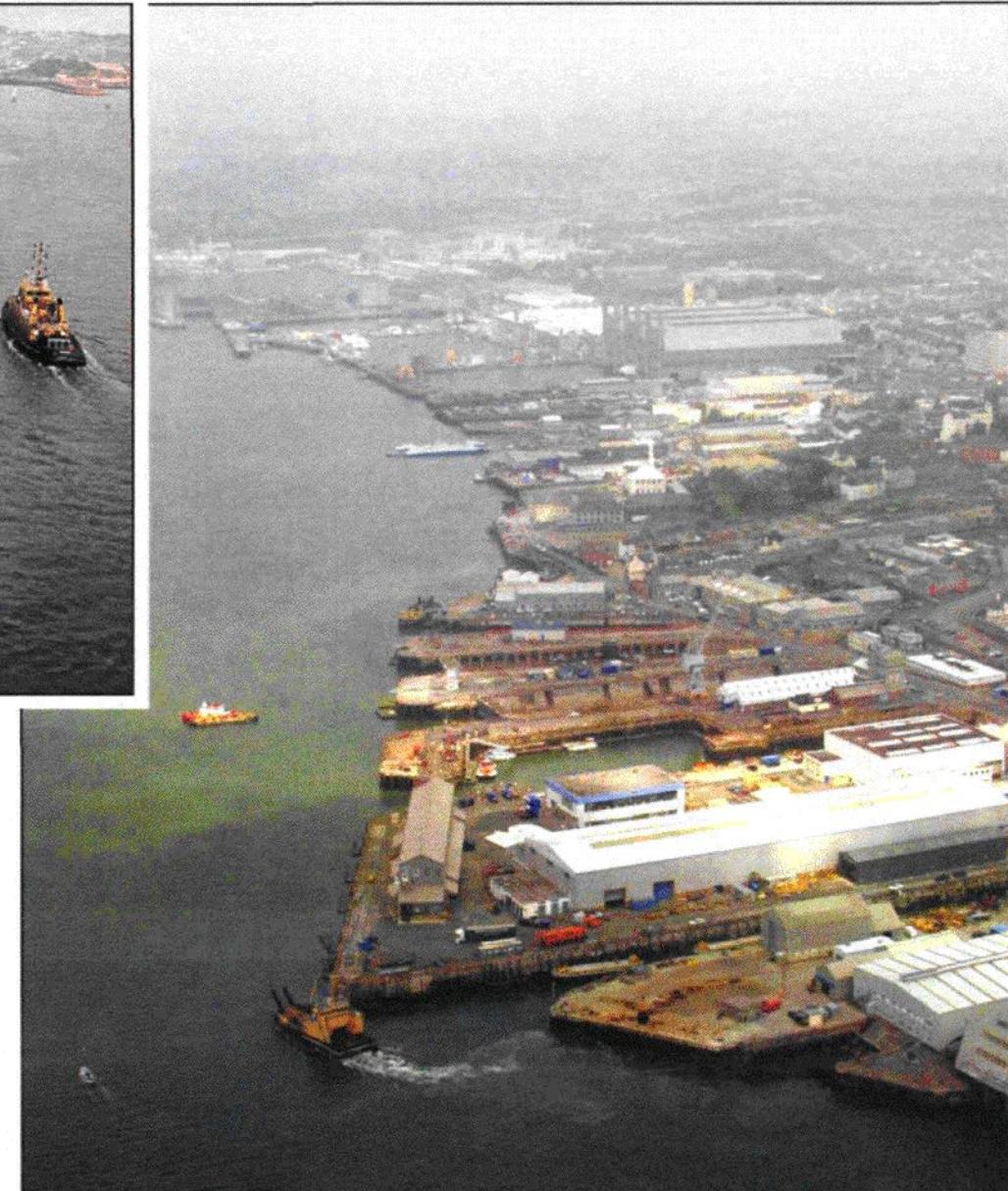
A ship's company of 325 will man each of the 18,500-tonne ships and their associated landing craft. But a further 305 troops can be added for military lift, in addition to battle tanks and other vehicles.

The flight deck will support two medium helicopters, but is designed to take Chinook or Harrier aircraft.

Amphibious helicopter carrier HMS Ocean entered service in 1998, designed for the rapid landing of an assault force by helicopter or landing craft.

Her complement runs at 265, which is bulked out by an extra 180 when her Fleet Air Arm squadron is embarked.

She played a vital role in the recent global operations in the War against Terrorism since the September 11 attacks against the United States.



• The historic attractions at Plymouth will centre around the South Yard

Picture: DLO Photographics

Rebirth of rehabilitation

PLYMOUTH is the home of the first of nine Regional Rehabilitation Centres to be built around the country for the use of the military.

Cdre Cheadle explained "We've established here a physiotherapy rehabilitation unit where people can go and get intensive treatment from qualified physiotherapists in a dedicated facility.

"The whole aim is to get them fit and back into active service as quickly as possible."

Working at the Devonport centre, PO PT Iain Reitze and PO WPT Steph Groves are the first Royal Navy Rehabilitation Instructors to qualify for almost 12 years.

The two were chosen after a tough pre-selection process to train at Headley Court, the Defence Services Medical Rehabilitation Centre in Epsom.

The course lasted for seven months, involving lessons in anatomy, physiology, and the study of movement (or kinesiology). These then developed into clinical anatomy, exercise rehabilitation therapy and further into the medical science.

The two described the course as very intense, but absolutely fascinating. PO Reitze admitted that the course was incredibly tough, particularly for the two Navy students who were slightly older than the others on the course and not used to this type of learning.

However, the two received a special letter of commendation for their efforts from the school where they had excelled in that year's intake.

The rehabilitation instructors are the next stage in patient care after the hands-on manipulation physiotherapists. The rehabilitation instructors carry out an 'exercise prescription' to regain full range of movement, full strength and full ability.

The network of centres will continue to develop around the country, offering tri-Service care but supported by a single Service.

The centres are run by doctors, supported by physiotherapists and rehabilitation instructors.

show the support to the fleet at Plymouth past, present and future.

From the early stages of the tiny Dockyard Museum, the public plans have grown and grown.

Coach tours have been running through the naval base for the last couple of years, and Courageous will be open to the public for the first time at this year's Navy Days, offering a chance to explore inside one of Britain's retired nuclear submarines.

Part of the naval base is planned to be developed into a heritage area along the lines of Portsmouth, but with a different slant, stressed the Naval Base Commander: "We're not so much concentrating on the way the Navy used to be 300 years ago.

"The real thing we want people to see is where we've come from and more importantly where we are going", said Cdre Cheadle.

As *Navy News* went to press, Plymouth Navy Days was about to take place over the August bank holiday weekend, drawing crowds from across the south-west and the rest of the country to see the Navy in action.

It is expected that Courageous will act as a magnet to bring people into the base, and widen people's knowledge of all things nuclear and naval.

Cdre Cheadle explained: "We've found there is nothing better to help educate the public on nuclear matters than to bring them in and talk to experts about the submarine. It enables them to put their arguments in better context and have a proper debate with us, rather than an emotional one."

Work is well under way to hand back a section of the naval base to the nearby community from which the South Yard Enclave was drafted in the 1950s.

The Devonport high street shops and banks still present an eerie post-War facade surrounded by the warehouses that sprang up

on the surrounding bombsite.

Four years ago, the naval base looked into developing a better means for distribution, deciding on building a new facility near Weston Mill Lake that would provide efficiency and environmental benefits.

At this stage, consideration turned to returning some of the Enclave to the Devonport people.

But in the last year, plans have moved on. The advent of the Defence Logistics Organisation and the use of their stores assets through the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency has meant that the majority of the Enclave can now be returned to the community from which it came.

The new £4 million Devonport Distribution Facility is expected to be built by 2004, with release plans for the Enclave expected at some point after that date.



• The clock tower of the old Devonport market

Pictures: Drake Photographic

Flotilla takes over Squadrons

THE impact of Fleet First can be felt at all three naval bases.

For seasoned naval folk, perhaps the biggest change is the loss of the ship squadrons to be replaced by Flotillas established at the three British bases.

Cdre Tony Rix is the Commodore Devonport Flotilla: "I like to describe myself as the front door to Fleet Headquarters, that means that the sailors here, all four thousand plus of them, will look at me as being an embassy of HQ."

The main aim of the new structure is to maximise operational capability for the Fleet. Each of the Fleet Waterfront Organisations is structured slightly differently to meet the individual needs of the base ports.

As the man in charge of the Devonport Flotilla, Cdre Rix is responsible for seven submarines, along with 13 frigates and Ocean's burgeoning amphibious group, for the submarine and surface divisions.

These are joined by the survey ships of the

Hydrographic Squadron in the new structure.

By stripping out the tribal barriers between the squadrons, a sharing of ideas is encouraged across the various naval disciplines.

Cdre Rix explained: "I have a team here that looks across the divisions, looking at those aspects which are common to any sailor, to take a view on best practice."

"Each division has dealt with some things differently – what we're able to do here is to see who has got the best idea, and then maybe introduce a new practice into a different part of the community."

He commanded the hard work by a lot of people over the past year that has meant the smooth transition to the new system.

The commodore will be closely involved with the implementation of the new Topmast squadding system.

"The bottom line is that I am here to help the ships do their job, and central to that are the people on the ships. If things are not better, then we are not doing our jobs."



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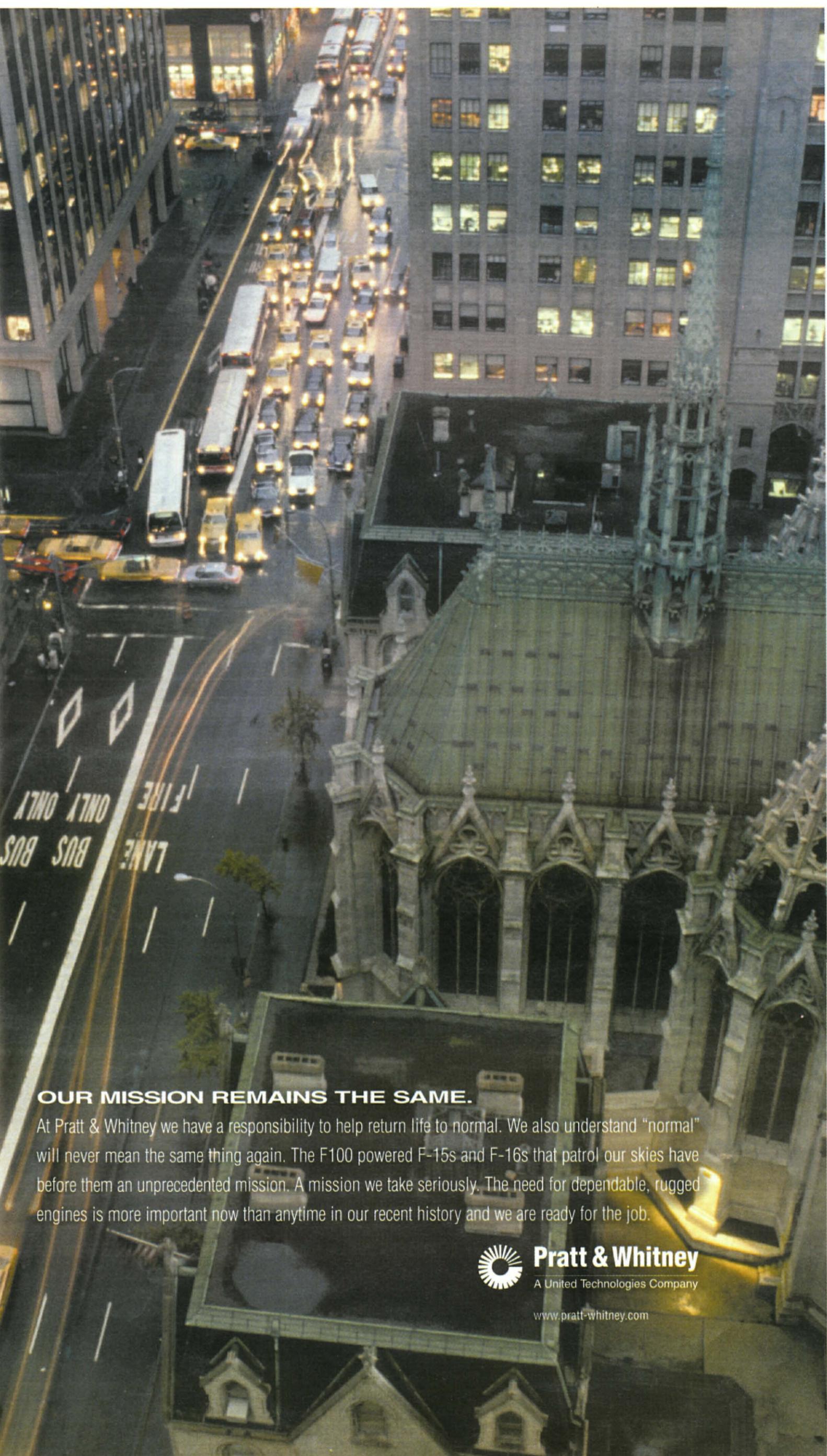
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Relationships in new TOPMAST

AS Warfare Branch Able Rates enter the TOPMAST Squad System (TMSS) they will see a marked change in the way in which they are managed.

Impact will also be felt from the existence of the Waterfront Manning Office (WMO) /Ship's Executive Warrant Officer (EWO), Regional Drafting and Careers Adviser (RDCA) and their relationship with 'Drafty'.

TOPMAST squadding will apply initially to the Warfare Branch Ordinary and Able Rates (ME, Supply and FAA Able Rates squadding will be implemented from Apr 03).

As always, Warfare Branch Ratings will still be able to get information from 'Drafty' through their Divisional Officer/Senior Rate or Departmental Co-ordinator who will contact 'Drafty' direct on your behalf. These avenues of approach still exist (Leading Rates and Senior Rates can still get access to drafting information and career advice from the RDCA or the RN Jobs List on 2SL Web).

However, they have been enhanced by the introduction of Waterfront Manning Offices (WMO) in Faslane, Portsmouth and Plymouth and also the Regional Drafting Careers Advisers (RDCA), formerly DCMLOs, which first opened in October 2001. These organisations have now come on line in all base ports, Yeovilton and Culdrose.

The WMO is primarily focused on helping ships manage their AB Squads. The RDCA give independent and confidential career and drafting advice to Junior and Senior Rates alike.

How will the TOPMAST SQUAD SYSTEM (TMSS) affect your drafting and career management in the future?

Initially the 'Squad System' will apply to all 'Warfare Branch' Ordinary and Able Rates from completion of initial training until promotion to Leading Hand.

Therefore, on completion of initial training, 'Drafty' will draft you to a ship's Squad which will be for an initial period of about 48 months depending on your particular circumstances. You could apply to serve on a different ship, or in another base port or volunteer for minor war vessels or submarine service during this period – or apply for a shore job, though this is no longer an entitlement.

Your harmony time will be managed within the squad which has more ABs than the ship needs to

fight with, thus allowing you to get your leave, adventurous training or take courses even while the ship is away.

The planning of your programme will be undertaken by the EWO, the WMOs will book courses and will arrange for your employment when your ship is deployed and you have been left in base port for harmony reasons.

During your sea draft, as you complete more courses and gain in experience, the EWO may move you (authorised by the WMO Draft Order) to different and progressively more responsible positions on-board. At the 48-month stage, if you have not applied to move, or been selected for promotion, you will most probably remain in your current ship.

The Waterfront Manning Office will co-ordinate with CND to ensure that all units have the correct number of personnel needed to meet the required tasks of each individual unit. He will also co-ordinate the local requirements for augmentation, such as November Ceremonies, and any other short notice tasks.

So the WMO and EWO will, between them, manage all your moves and CND will only get involved for drafts to different ships or to shore billets. Once you are selected for promotion and the next higher rate (Leading Rate) you will be placed on the next available courses by CND, and, on successful completion, you will be promoted, leave the squad and returned to 'Drafty's' responsibility.

'Drafty' will continue to look after LOMs, POs and CPOs.

What about Shore Drafts for Warfare Branch Able Rates within the Squad System?

There will only be a limited number of Shore Billets available for Warfare Branch Able Rates once the 'Squad System' comes into effect on 1 October.

Drafty will co-ordinate the filling of shore billets with the Waterfront Office, which will effectively remove an Able Rate out of the Squad System for a minimum period of 18 months which will be the set length of time for any shore billet.

You can still, of course, submit a C240 for any specific billet in the normal manner. However, you should consult your RDCA, to discuss the implications of taking up a shore draft, which will remove you

from the squad system during the period of the draft.

How does the RDCA fit into the picture?

The RDCA is a very useful human resource who is able to advise on all aspects of your immediate or future career/drafting. He can also advise and give specific guidance on the rules and regulations regarding promotion and advancement (BR1066).

Having discussed your career development with the adviser he or she can on your behalf liaise directly with 'Drafty' to ensure that your future drafting and professional career development preferences are fully taken into account in the drafting process.

This should result in future drafts, whether initiated by WMO or CND, that support your preferred career development path.

The RDCA can also give information on the geographical location of drafts and obtain information on the specifics of particular jobs. For those who wish to know about branch transfer the rules and requirements can be found in BR8748, BR1066 and RNTM 210/01; the RDCA will also have information readily available.

The RDCA is also available to give career and drafting advice to all Warfare Branch rates from OM through to CPO no matter what stage you are at in your career, especially if after many years service you have decided that you now are looking towards promotion and advancement.

The RDCA is, therefore, a valuable adviser who can if necessary become involved in the drafting process.

He or she also has a wealth of knowledge which makes the RDCA a valuable tool for Warfare Branch Ratings to acquire information about drafts which may be available, the promotion process and branch transfers and is also available to give guidance on the completion of C230s and C240s.

The new TOPMAST Squad System will ensure that the Service is able to meet its everyday commitments and with the WMO and RDCA it will ensure that everyone has a greater input into managing their own career and prospects for promotion.

Therefore it pays to make sure that you know where your local WMOs and RDCA are and pay them a visit.

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● Status Quo in full swing during the concert on board HMS Ark Royal Pictures: HMS Ark Royal Phot Section

Stars come out for a day in Ark Royal

ROCK band Status Quo launched their new album Heavy Traffic with a concert on the flightdeck of the Navy's carrier HMS Ark Royal at the end of July.

A crowd of 600 Quo fans and service men and women packed the deck to watch the veteran band in action, and there was even one celebrity guest in the person of Quo-fan comedian Harry Hill.

A stage was built on one end of the flight deck with a wall of speakers providing a backdrop to the denim-clad rock group, who launched into a jubilant gig with their trademark guitar and bass riffs.

The group played their latest single, 'Jam Side Down', which entered the charts at No.17. The video for the track was filmed over the course of three days on board the carrier as she returned this summer from the Mediterranean and Exercise Dynamic Mix.

The sound of the distinctive guitar chords drew crowds on the surrounding warships and buildings in Portsmouth naval base, and a passing P&O ferry was lined with people enjoying the show.

In addition to songs from their new album, Status Quo couldn't resist playing a number of old favourites. To the strains of 'Whatever You Want', the assembled crowd, some in Naval uniform, some in their best Quo T-shirts, rocked along with their air guitars.

One Royal Marine merrily played a lime-green blow-up saxophone throughout the gig, while his oppo on the deck of the nearby HMS Ocean accompanied him on the well-known 'broom guitar'.

'In the Army Now' caused a few problems, as lead singer Francis Rossi started with the original lyric then under crowd pressure switched to the Navy before finally singing 'In the Forces Now'.

Rick Parfitt must also have been similarly confused about the Services in his RAF-roundel logo T-shirt.

Before the concert, Rick admitted: 'Playing on the flight deck of Ark Royal is just a little bit different to what we've done before.'

He predicted - correctly - that

everyone on board would have a great day: 'It doesn't matter how old or young, whoever you are, just enjoy it. There's nothing like playing out from the heart.'

In the crowd, OM Kevin Moffat said about the gig: 'It was absolutely tremendous. The last time I saw them was about 20 years ago.'

'I will definitely be buying the single.'

PO(R) Neil Sinclair added: 'It's good to have them on board. Everyone's enjoyed it.'

HMS Ark Royal sets off later this month to take part in the yearly Argonaut exercises in the Mediterranean.

He said: 'I'm delighted. This has made an ageing rocker very happy.'

COMPETITION WINNER

■ *Navy News*' Status Quo competition brought in a number of entries, but the lucky winner picked from the hat was: Lt Cdr Mike Elliot, who works for the Directorate of Naval Reserves.

He spent the night of his birthday with his wife Penny at the Top of the Pops studio watching Status Quo performing their single live.

He said: 'I'm delighted. This has made an ageing rocker very happy.'



SIR Norman Wisdom also stopped by the nation's flagship carrier to provide support to a charity fundraiser. Leading Chef Rick Whittaker wrote to ask the veteran comedian for a signed photograph for a charity auction, but Sir Norman decided to turn up in person to offer his help - much to the delight of everyone on board Ark Royal.

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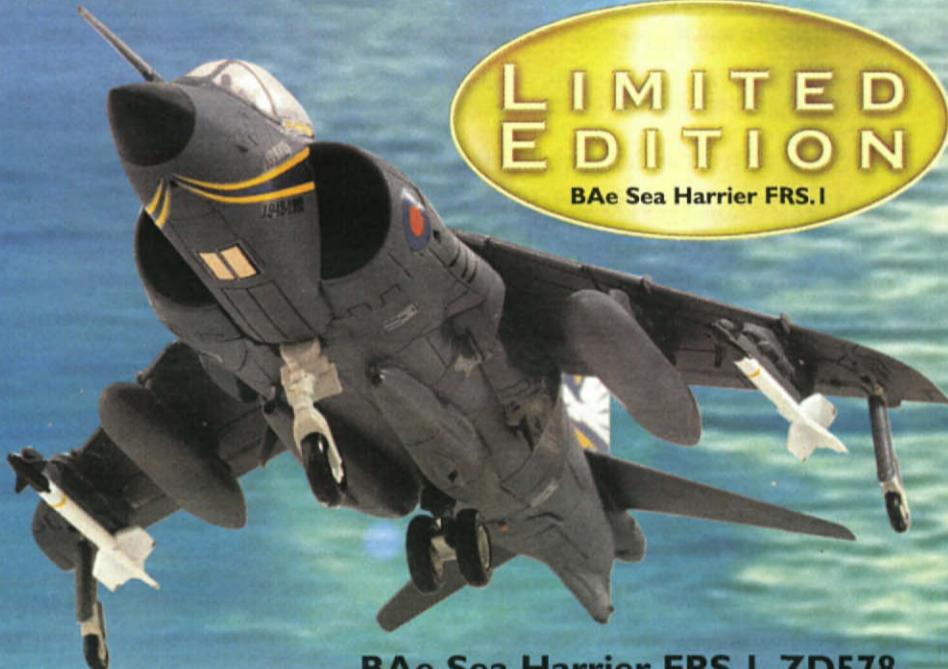
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Ton up for Portland's Nobby

WITH a naval career spanning two World Wars, S/M F.J. (Frank or Nobby) Clark, the oldest member of Portland branch, celebrated his 100th birthday last month.

Unfortunately, a broken hip and a move to a nursing home at Eastbourne for Nobby prevented his fellow shipmates from celebrating his birthday as they would have wished. Instead, they honoured him with life membership of the branch.

S/M Clark joined HMS Ganges as a boy signalman on January 24, 1918, and went on to serve in HM ships Winchelsea, Westminster, Vivacious, Rowena, Pangbourne and Boreas before joining the Royal Fleet Reserve in 1932.

Recalled for service at the outbreak of World War II, he was demobbed in 1945.

On leaving the Navy he worked for a further 30 years as a stoker in HM Borstal, Portland, and on the rifle range in HMS Osprey.

A widower, he was married to his wife, Marie, for 67 years.

Rare visit

PAYING their first visit to the town since 1953, members of HMS Fleetwood Association were welcomed by Fleetwood branch.

After visiting the mayor and the Maritime Museum, the visitors enjoyed a superb meal and 'Up Spirits' provided by the branch.

S/M Frank Allen, chairman of the Association, presented the branch with a plaque of the crest of the Fleetwood.

£50 PRIZE PUZZLE



The mystery ship in our July edition was HMS Venus.

The winner of the £50 prize for identifying her was Mr C. Cheshire of Doncaster.

Can you name this lightly-armed warship pictured in the mid-1960s – and identify the famous play in which her name features prominently?

The correct answer wins another £50.

MYSTERY PICTURE 91

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My answer

Ex-POW built bridges with local community

On a farm, not far from Shrewsbury, stands a barn, in no way remarkable, but unique in Shropshire.

Built by a former German prisoner of war, who served in a U-boat during the Battle of the Atlantic, the frame of the barn is made from scrap metal, salvaged from the once-great ocean liner, the Queen Mary.

The late Hans Koopmann, a former member of Shrewsbury branch, was a stranger to the area, when asked by a local builder if he could build a barn.

Undaunted, he took on the job in 1951, when steel was unavailable and building materials were scarce.

From a local scrap iron dealer he bought a supply of metal tubes and pipes used to support hammocks, when the Queen Mary was a wartime troopship.

Working single-handedly, he welded them into a frame for the barn, finishing the job in six weeks, doing all the welding by gas.

If Shrewsbury was a place he grew to love, it was unknown to him when his U-boat surrendered in a Scottish loch at the war's end, and he was taken prisoner and sent to Shropshire.

He served during the war in U-boats 802 and 858, surviving the sinking of one of them by a

Lancaster bomber.

As a prisoner, he was detained first at an Army depot in Dorrington, next to Adderley, near Market Drayton and finally he was sent to a farm near Alderbury, which had no water or electricity which he found hard to understand, having no experience of country life.

Provided with a passport and given permission to work and live on the farm, he was paid three ha'pence for his labour, out of which he managed to save £8.

But the tide which brought him there was on the turn.

PROs encouraged

THE HEAD of the Navy's communications strategy, Cdre Richard Leaman, met with the Public Relations Officers of the RNA in London to update them on the Navy's media activities.

Cdre Leaman described his role as Director of Corporate Communications Navy: "It is my daily business to communicate – not just to the external audience but to our own people."

He called the RNA PROs: "an important part of the public relations armoury," and added: "We are trying to do better at keeping you, the RNAs, informed. If we don't keep you in the picture, how can you be our ambassadors?"

Cdre Leaman outlined the changes in the Navy's communications strategy, and the shift

Around the clubs

TWO stalls manned by members of Clacton attracted many enquiries at the St Ostys Jubilee Fete. What is more, they raised more than £130 from the sale of bead strings, made S/M Peter Piper, and RNA memorabilia.

Members of Bromley played a leading role at the Orpington Festival to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Union Flag was carried by LOM(EW) James Munt and S/M Chris Durban, ceremonial officer No 2 Area, ensured everything was shipshape.

Bonds of friendship were forged with the Cirencester branch when HMS Dasher paid a visit to Gloucester Docks and invited S/Ms N. Whereat, S. Hicks, M. Raymond and J. Wakefield, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Senior Service led the parade this year at Weymouth's Veterans weekend. Supported by a large contingent of shipmates and those from other ex-Naval associations, S/M Joy Haskins, of Frome, carried the No 4 Area standard, and S/M Carol Gibbons, of Swindon, the national standards of the WRNS Association.

In appreciation of 20 years loyal service to Dewsbury, Batley and Birstall branch, S/M Ian Wilkinson was presented with a certificate by S/M A. Andrews, the branch chairman. He served for a number of years as ceremonial officer, standard bearer and social secretary.

Fond farewell

GUILDFORD's loss was Bexhill-on-Sea's gain when a devoted shipmate moved home recently.

Branch officials visited former branch treasurer Gordon Macrow to express their appreciation for all his efforts and to present him with a copy of *The Royal Navy Day by Day*. Gordon's wife Brenda was presented with flowers.

While working on the farm he met his future wife, the daughter of the blacksmith of Alderbury.

With the £8 he had saved and a further £10 given to them as a wedding present, he bought a welding kit and, on finishing the barn, was soon in demand, repairing tractors and trailers in the area.

From this modest beginning, S/M Koopmann built up a thriving business, and though he never spoke English as fluently as he would have wished, he made many friends in the area.

An active member of the Shrewsbury branch for many years,

he regularly attended meetings.

When the nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine HMS Talent, which is affiliated to Shrewsbury, was given the Freedom of the Borough, it was the wish of the Commanding Officer and crew to meet S/M Koopmann.

Unfortunately, S/M Koopmann he was too ill at the time, and died shortly afterwards. He is sadly missed.

Honour for caring Fred

CONGRATULATIONS from fellow shipmates to Stoke-on-Trent branch president S/M Fred Sigley, Lt RN (retd), awarded the MBE in the Birthday Honours list for his work as local representative of SSAFA, of which he is a life member.

Honoured also by the branch with life membership, he was awarded a Gold Medal by the Football Association for his service to local football.

With a long history of caring for others, S/M Sigley joined the Navy the day after war was declared and went on to serve, mostly at sea, for almost 37 years.

During one eight-day period he crossed the line 33 times on operations against the Japanese Navy.

Following sea service he was Recruiting Officer at the Midland office, and on leaving the Navy, worked at Manchester Airport as Personnel Manager.

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NEWSVIEW

Let's do make waves about it

IN A personal message to the Fleet as he moved on from his post as C-in-C, new First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Alan West insisted the global war on terrorism had only just begun.

"I am not sure that we have even seen, as Churchill put it, 'The end of the beginning,'" he said. "There is much to play for here – maritime forces are the only forces able to be self-sustaining and (largely) self-protecting, poised at any moment to strike quickly without the need for complex logistic support and diplomatic approaches for host nation support... Terrorism does not recognise boundaries, nor I fear our traditional defence in the United Kingdom, the English Channel... I see an increasing role for the Royal Navy in defence of our territorial seas and approaches to our towns and cities."

Following September 11, the Fleet was indeed central to the international response to the terrorist threat – and last month it seemed for a moment that it was about to translate into reality the species of derring-do it has so often featured in its promotional films and public displays.

It was reported that a British-flagged ship had been boarded by pirates off the coast of Somalia and that five Ukrainian crewmen had been kidnapped and held for ransom.

HMS Cumberland was in the area and sent her helicopter to investigate – but nothing could be found and the story was later discounted.

But piracy is also a growing threat that likewise knows no boundaries and requires an international response. In the first six months of this year there were no less than 171 attacks reported to the International Maritime Bureau.

That today's Royal Navy is increasingly involved in meeting challenges of this kind and in other kinds of international policing in a world left considerably less stable after the end of the Cold War (in which such a large part of its resources and intelligence were for so many years concentrated) is something that needs to be brought to the public's attention at every opportunity.

It was 1973 when the Leander-class frigate HMS Phoebe stood in for 'HMS Hero,' the 'Fighting Forty Two' (Phoebe was inevitably dubbed the "Phightin' Phoebe") in the BBC series *Warship*, devised by novelist Lt Cdr Ian MacKintosh. That was the very first Navy drama series – and the Navy has come a long way since then.

Making Waves, due to appear on the small screen in July next year has also been a long time coming. If it is worth the wait depends upon the care the Navy puts into ensuring the blend of fact and fiction comes up to the mark in representing what the Navy does today, so that its shareholders may properly understand they are getting full value for their money.

* There were in fact no less than ten real HMS Heroes, the last being a 1937 destroyer that took part in the Second Battle of Narvik and was later transferred to Canada and renamed Chaudiere.



● HMS Phoebe, as 'HMS Hero' leaving Chatham in the 1973 BBC drama series *Warship*

TOP AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT PAST HALF WAY TO TARGET

Just 18 months in – and it's all going to plan

IN ONLY 18 months the Navy has gone over half way towards achieving its initial targets in its first Strategic Plan – designed to manage its business better over the next 15 years and more.

As *Navy News* reported in February 2000, the Strategic Plan is divided into five key areas, or 'pillars' of activity, dealing with People, Equipment, Readiness for operations, Partnerships and Resource Management.

Says Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Tim McClement: "Top targets for action have been recruiting and tackling the manpower gaps. Much early work has also looked at some of the more rigid conditions of service.

"This period has seen the introduction of merit promotion for ratings, a reduction in length of notice on application for premature Voluntary Release and the start of Second Open Engagement for leading hands and able seamen – the first Board will be sitting this autumn.

"Harmony has started to be measured on an individual basis and many allowances are being improved. For warrant officers, the creation of the Executive Warrant Officer and the removal of the minimum age limit for promotion are welcome new initiatives. On recruiting, training establishments are currently full and we are hitting 97 per cent of all recruiting targets.

"Other achievements include universal open reporting and, after successful upgrades to family married quarters in Portsmouth and Northwood, we've seen the start of an ambitious programme to improve single living accommodation – Project SLAM is just about to announce the name of the preferred bidder for the five year prime contract.

"We also have new Waterfront Manning Offices, new regional Drafting and Career Advisors and some much-needed Medical Rehabilitation Centres."

A number of the RN training schools had been successfully moved, heralding the start of longer-term efforts to improve and modernise all Naval training. The RN Submarine School, Naval Military Training and Boarding and Search School were now up and running at HMS Raleigh, while Gunnery Training, SCU Leyden and the School of Leadership and Management were fully operational at HMS Collingwood.

"These improvements are just the start. The RN expects TOP-MAST to deliver a more flexible

and responsive manpower system for the RN in the longer term and the Pillar 'champions' need your views and opinions."

Alongside these major "people" initiatives, the Navy's overall equipment programme was "more exciting and dynamic than for many years" with a range of new ships and submarines in build and on the order books. Particular emphasis was placed on developing "Smart Acquisition" to bring the equipment into service more quickly and at lower cost. This included making future equipment more reliable and less costly to support.

And in developing fighting effectiveness, the key achievement had been in proving the Maritime Contribution to Joint Operations, largely through the success of operations in Sierra Leone, but also through Exercise Saif Sareea II and recent operations in

Afghanistan. Three top joint organisations had been successfully established – Joint Force Headquarters, Joint Helicopter Command and Joint Doctrine and Concepts Centre. "Squad Manning" for ABs in front line units was being rolled out.

In forging partnerships outside the RN, stronger and more active links with schools, cadet forces and universities have helped improve recruiting figures to the best for a decade. On the medical front, the Centre for Defence Medicine, opened at University Hospital Birmingham in April 2001, is steadily developing into a 'centre of excellence'. Naval personnel seconded to industry, business and other partner organisations are beginning to bring back new ideas that will improve RN practices.

Specific work on better managing of resources had been targeted at improving efficiency of

Headquarters and the administration of the Navy, most recently through the 'Fleet First' programme.

"In the past 18 months, during Admiral Essenhigh's time as First Sea Lord, the Naval Strategic Plan has been successful in tackling some of the top areas where improvements or change were needed.

"There are still many challenges ahead, but we are moving ever closer to the Navy vision of itself as a versatile maritime force that will continue to be a world class Navy, ready to fight and win."

For more information on the Strategic Plan, see MOD Web Organisation/Royal Navy/NSD Strategy & Planning/Future Navy. Also see the Plan at www.rnreference.mod.uk or contact Cdr Cate Pope by e-mail at Cdr.cope@net.gov.uk or on 0207 218 6101.



● SMART ACQUISITION: An equipment programme "more exciting and dynamic than for many years".

Lake-bed airframe goes to museum

THE FLEET Air Arm Museum has been presented with the partly-restored fuselage of a Navy wartime aircraft with an unusual history.

The airframe of the Fleet Air Arm Gloster Sea Gladiator, which came from the Jet Age Museum in Gloucester, was recovered from the bottom of a lake in Norway.

Although it is a compilation of wreckage, the airframe has been allocated serial number N5579, as this is believed to have been the only Sea Gladiator operating alongside RAF Gladiator aircraft from the frozen Norwegian lake during 1940.

The project is part of a co-operative working association between the FAA Museum at Yeovilton, the Jet Age Museum, and the Norwegian Aviation Museum at Bodo, which provided much of the wreckage to enable the projects to be undertaken.

The Jet Age Museum and the Norwegian Aviation Museum will also produce similar compilation airframes from the share-out of wreckage last carrying RAF serial numbers.

The airframes, when completed, will provide an important missing link from the respective museums' collections.

Wrens fly in for reunion

DISTANCE was no bar for a group of Wren communicators who flocked together for their annual summer lunch, organised by Elisabeth Robinson (nee Stephen).

Gill Comford (nee Pritchard) travelled from Australia, while Enid Nelson-Ward (nee Best) flew in from Trinidad.

From a small group in 1999 the numbers have grown to more than 100, and everyone was delighted to renew old friendships – including a group from RNAS Hal Far in 1954 who have not met up since.

There were similar tales from Lossie, Eglinton, St Merryn, Admiralty, Cudrose and Lascaris.

There was a link with today's Navy when Glenda Whitley (nee Blagdon), a radio operator from the 1960s, brought along her daughter, who is currently serving as a communicator.

Helen Grierson has set up a dedicated website which is at www.wrencommunicator.co.uk

Next year's lunch, costing £12, is on July 10 at the same venue – the Queen's Hotel Southsea; details from organiser Lesley Davies (nee Richardson), a Signal Wren from 1967, on 01908 679938, or email lesleydavies@btinternet.com

Historic wreck given protection

THE WRECK of a ship believed to be that of the father of the American Navy, John Paul Jones, has been placed under the protection of a Designation Order while further investigations are carried out.

The historic wreck, which lies

off Flamborough Head in North Yorkshire, is thought to be that of the 18th Century Bonhomme Richard, the ship commanded by Jones during the American Revolution.

It was involved in the Battle of Flamborough Head in 1779, when it fought the Serapis and the Countess of Scarborough.

After a long engagement, Jones captured the Serapis, but the Bonhomme Richard sank. As a result of the encounter, Jones became a national hero across the Atlantic.

The Designation Order, made by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973, has been placed as a matter of urgency to prevent divers stripping the wreck, which has recently caught the eyes of salvors.

Arts Minister Baroness Blackstone said: "Designation of shipwrecks ensures their protection and helps to safeguard our rich marine heritage for the future."

"I felt it was vital to urgently protect what is believed to be the Bonhomme Richard while further investigations take place by our experts."

"This designation does not mean that divers will never be able to visit the wreck. It is our policy to protect the best examples of underwater heritage while encouraging greater access to them."

"We, however, need to ensure that any activities carried out on or near historic wrecks are appropriate."

The Order will be reviewed before the end of the year, but while in place it is an offence to interfere with the wreck, or carry out diving or salvage operations in the protected area, without a licence from the Department.

The protected area extends 300m radius centred on Latitude 54 degrees 11.502' North, Longitude 00 degrees 13.481' West.



● Cdr David Barker, Commanding Officer of HMS St Albans – a former Lynx Flight Commander – is shown the cockpit of a Mk 8 DSP Lynx by the Flight Commander of 215 Flight, Lt Catherine Maley (Observer)

New frigate's flight is commissioned

THE HELICOPTER Flight of the Navy's final Type 23 frigate has been commissioned at a ceremony in a Yeovilton hangar.

Members of 815 Naval Air Squadron watched as Mrs Sarah Barker, the wife of Cdr David Barker, the Commanding Officer of HMS St Albans, cut the traditional rededication cake

for 215 Flight.

Mrs Barker was assisted by AEM Seth Halton.

Cdr Barker was himself an Observer and Lynx Flight Commander in former frigates HM ships Battleaxe and Brave, and was shown one of the latest aircraft by St Albans Flight Commander Lt Catherine Maley.



● A Shetland pony was on hand when Island-class patrol vessel HMS Shetland was handed over to the Bangladeshi Navy at the end of July. Munchkin the pony is pictured with WOM(EW) Gemma Stollery and an officer from the new ship's company on the jetty in Portsmouth.

Communicators pick up award

MEMBERS of a submarine's communications team were reunited on their former boat to celebrate recognition of their efforts during the Coalition attacks on Taliban and Al Qaeda forces.

Rear Admiral Submarines (RASM), Rear Admiral Niall Kilgour, visited HMS Superb to present the Marconi Submarine Communications runners-up award, earned during Superb's time East of Suez in the last four months of 2001.

The nuclear submarine had a vital communications role in Coalition activities, and the award was presented to PO(CSM) Dave Watt, who as the Radio Supervisor played a pivotal role in the Communications Department at the time.

Admiral Kilgour also presented Long Service and Good Conduct medals to CPOWEA Taylor, CPOMEA Boult and LMEM Hair.

After the official business was over – and it presented quite a challenge for the Navy photographer to get all the communicators into the same compartment to record the occasion for posterity – Admiral Kilgour was entertained in the Wardroom, where he sampled homemade doughnuts, scones and cakes prepared by LCH Williams and CH Vickers.

Superb, a Swiftsure-class hunter-killer submarine, is currently undergoing maintenance at her home base of Faslane, on the Clyde estuary.

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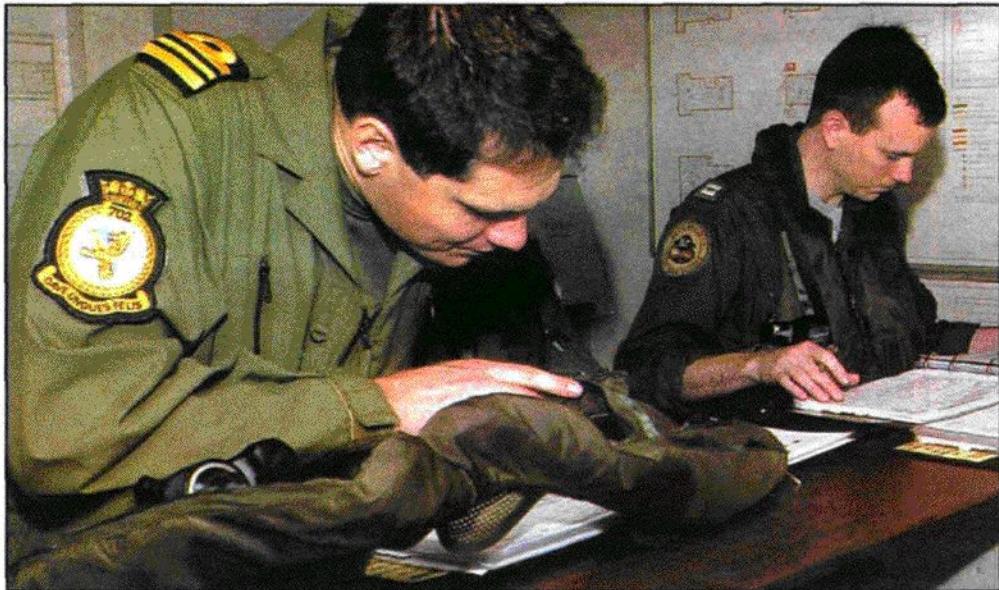
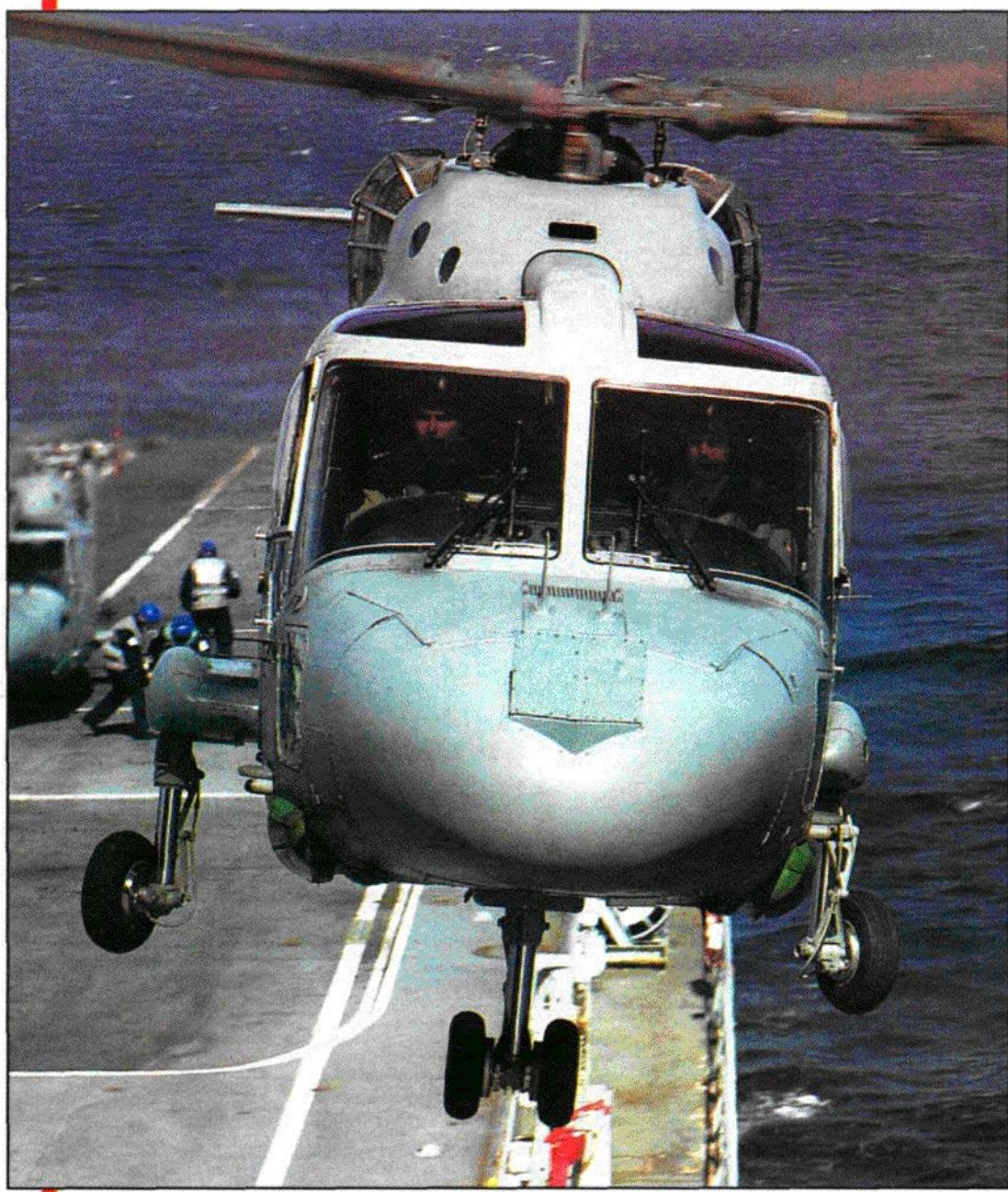
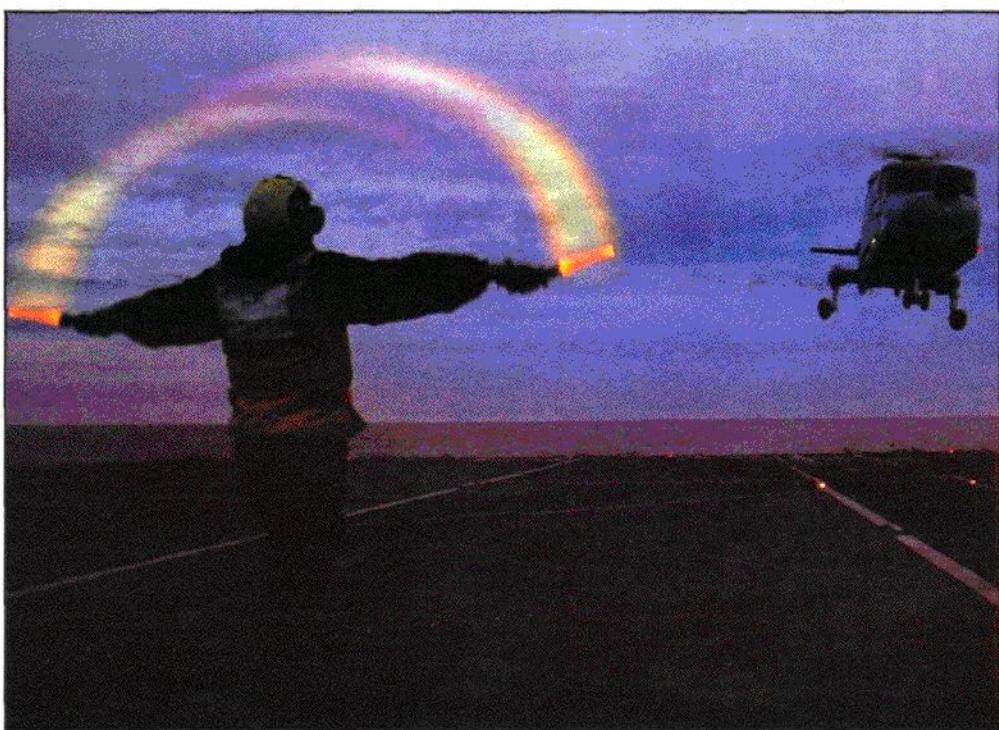
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FIVE PILOTS and five Observers joined RFA Argus for two weeks at sea to complete their operational conversion to the Lynx Mk3 helicopter.

Six aircraft, together with 55 engineers and ten flying instructors, were embarked in support.

The complexities of embarked operations, including training of engineering mechanics and integrating with the 150 permanent ship's company, provide a vital part of Lynx training, and give a fundamental grounding in the basic skills required of pilots and observers before they join the front line.

This particular Lynx course included two female observers and an American Seahawk exchange pilot, due to join a frigate/destroyer flight on completion.

First phase of the embarkation included deck landing practice. As well as their primary role as an attack helicopter, the aircraft also practised resupply of stores, lifting under-slung

loads to the pitching deck. The student aircrews also honed their newly acquired skills in conducting search and rescue training, by day and by night.

Half way through the programme, they took a well-earned break when the Argus paid a visit to the port of Cobh, near Cork.

During the second phase of the detachment, the students simulated work-up and transit into a hostile environment, putting to the test all the disciplines they had trained in over the previous seven months of the course.

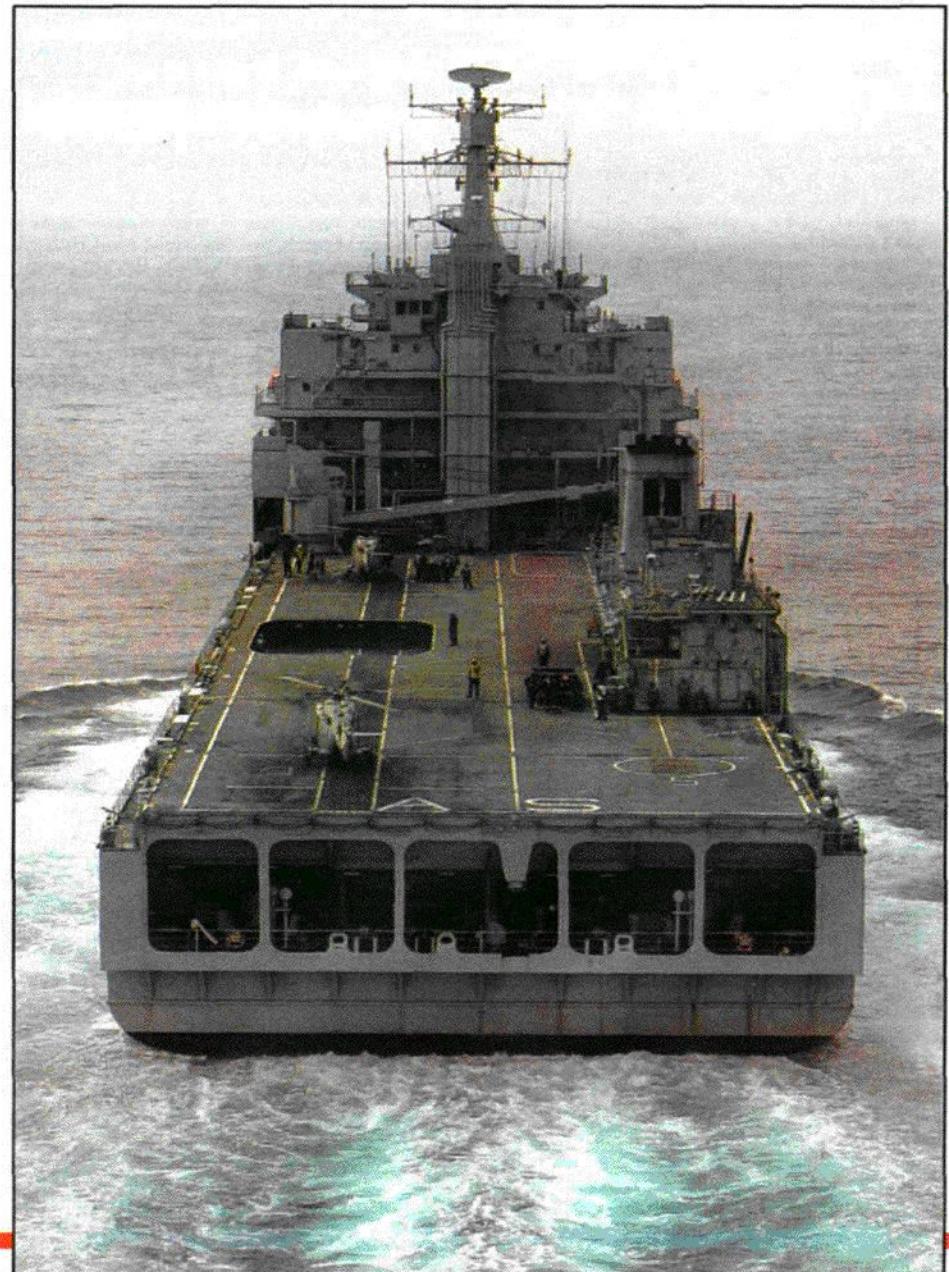
The prime role of RFA Argus is as the Fleet's Aviation Training Ship. She completed her Operational Sea Training package at Plymouth in January, ready for the first Operational Flying Training course with Merlin helicopters from 824 Naval Air Squadron which included a visit to La Corunna in Northern Spain.

March saw her exercising her secondary role as Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. This involved embarking 200 members of the Defence

Pictures: PO(PHOT) Mark Hipkiss

Anti-clockwise from top left:

- **NIGHT FLYING:** LA(H) Flower gives the signal for the aircraft to lift
- **DECK LANDING:** A Lynx Mk3 of 702 Sqn prepares to touch down on RFA Argus
- **CHECK IN:** Pilots sign for their aircraft at the start of a busy day of training
- **MOVING PLATFORM:** RFA Argus provides a mobile home for 702 Lynx Training Squadron
- **ALL CLEAR:** The signal is given that all four deck lashings have been removed
- **DEADLY CARGO:** One of 702 Sqn's Lynx aircraft drops a depth charge
- **PORT VISIT:** RFA Argus, led by the Archer-class patrol craft HMS Smiler, Biter and Charger, enter Cobh, Cork in the Republic of Ireland
- **UNDER INSPECTION:** Air engineering mechanics work to prepare the Lynx Mk3 for flight



LEARNING

Medical Service – most of them RN.

The ship took part in Exercise Strong Resolve, a major international gathering in the Baltic Sea, and visited Gothenburg, Sweden.

After a maintenance period in April it was back to the OFT programme with Lynx aircraft of 702 Sqn and a second trip to La Corunna. In May the Seakings of 771 Sqn joined for a trip to Alicante and June was spent in more training with 824 and 848 Sqns before a more extensive trial of the ship's amphibious support role, with elements of 40 Cdo RM.

Argus's entry to Cork Harbour was co-ordinated with three P2000 patrol boats from the University Squadron, HMS Biter, Smiler and Charger.

Despite a dull and overcast day, their welcome could not have been warmer, traditional Irish hospitality being extended by all.

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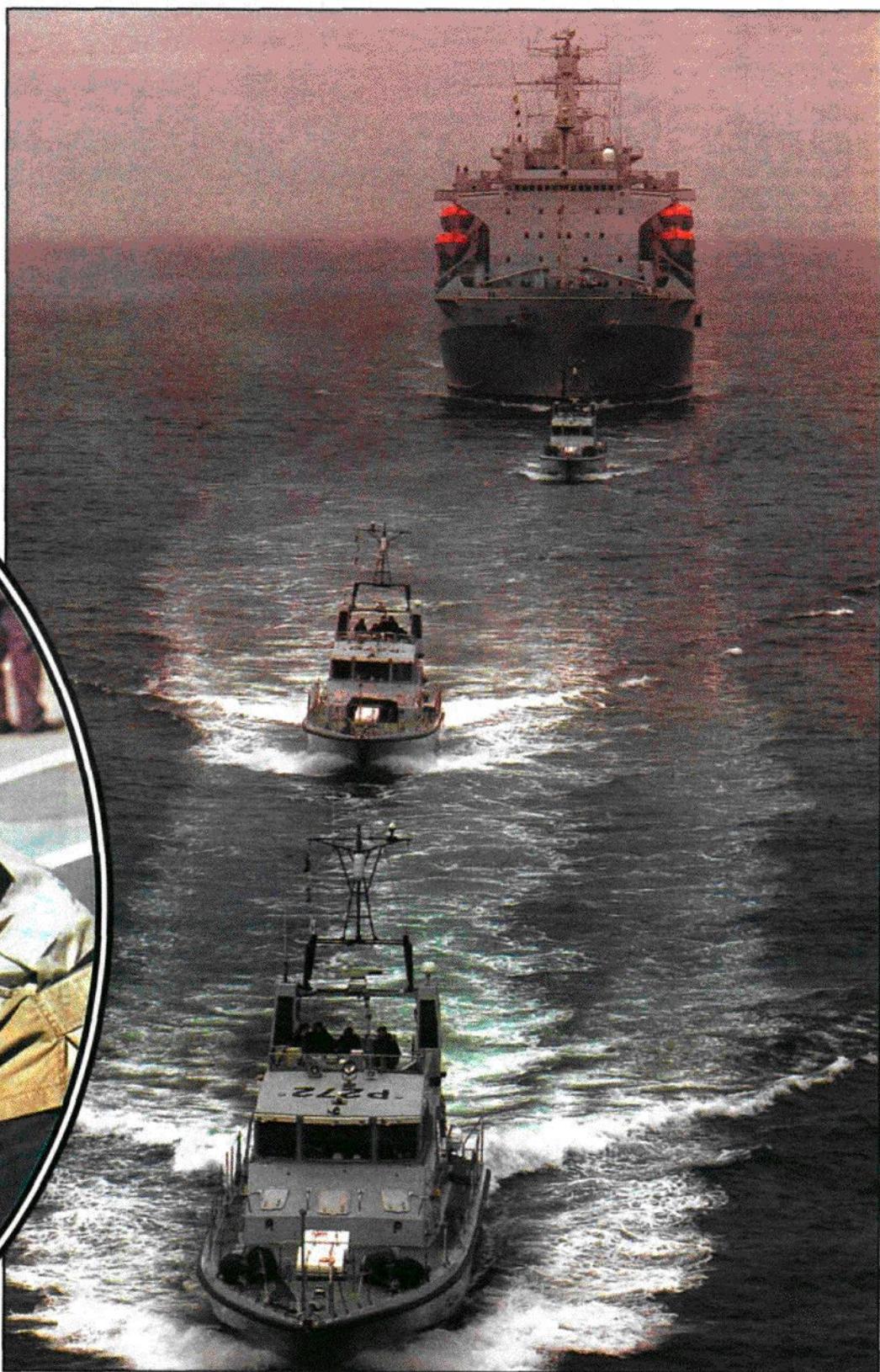
Argus was the first RFA ship to visit Cobh in 50 years and she drew large numbers of visitors to the quayside.

The berth below the main Cork road and close to the town centre was very prominent and gained the ship favourable coverage in all the local media.

A lunch was hosted on board for local dignitaries and there was also a reception with guests including the British Ambassador, the Lord Mayor of Cork and six admirals.

Argus moved on to Southampton for maintenance before her next featured role – as the biggest British Naval vessel on display at Plymouth Navy Days.

702 Lynx Training Squadron from RN air station Yeovilton joined HMS Argus for two weeks this summer, teaching five Pilots and five Observers the ways of the Lynx Mk3 helicopter





Portrait of a Masterpiece

IN THE 150th anniversary year of the birth of marine artist W. L. Wyllie, the Royal Naval Museum has published a booklet on his masterpiece – the huge *Panorama of Trafalgar*.

Wyllie enthusiast Valerie Billing describes the work he put into researching and producing the *Panorama* and also chronicles the major operation undertaken in 1999 to conserve the 42ft x 12ft view of the action as it would have appeared on October 21, 1805 at 2pm.

Completed in the last year of the artist's life, it is now the star attraction of the museum's Victor Gallery exhibitions.

Wyllie lived in Portsmouth from 1906 until his death in 1931 and became nationally famous for his work featuring the Navy, past and present.

The booklet is available at £5 plus £1pp from Mrs Pat Nagle at the Royal Naval Museum, HM Naval Base (PP66), PO1 3NH.



NELSON IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH



Left: 'The Death of Nelson', a superb caricature by Gilray mocking the overblown way in which he was commemorated by contemporary artists. The figure of Britannia supporting Nelson is modelled on Emma Hamilton.

Right: Rowlandson's weeping sailors drinking to 'The Immortal Memory of the Hero of the Nile' – one of the first records of this famous toast, published in December 1805 – is on the other hand entirely accurate, according to contemporary accounts of port taverns plunged into uncharacteristic gloom.

Sixties Navy out on video

A NEW book by leading Nelson scholar Colin White brings together the results of all the latest research into Britain's greatest hero – and challenges the traditional story of his life.

For example, one of the most persistent myths about Nelson is that he was unusually weak and sickly. But when Surgeon William Beatty examined his body after his death he found his internal organs were so healthy they were like those of a young man, rather than those of a man of 47 – and he concluded that Nelson, like his father and many of his family, would probably have survived into his seventies or eighties.

Also, Nelson not only received a number of severe wounds but also suffered many life-threatening diseases, so the best word to describe him might be 'resilient' rather than 'weak'.

In Nicaragua in 1780, when he was already weakened by scurvy, he had a recurrence of malaria combined with tropical sprue (an acute form of diarrhoea) that nearly took him off. (Most biographies suggest he was suffering from yellow fever but recent medical research does not support this view).

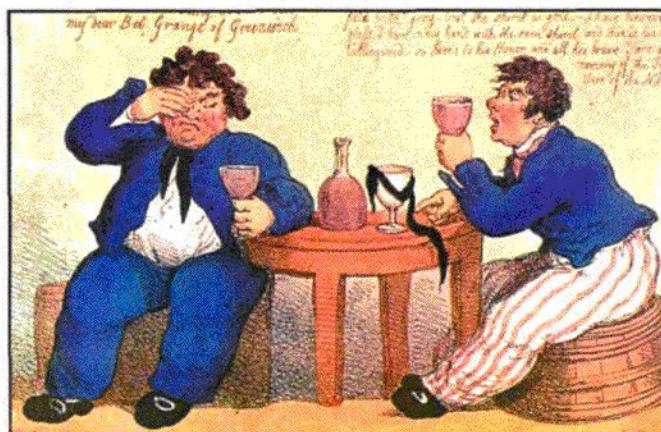
Invalided out just in time, he returned to England so weak that when he went to Bath to take the waters he had to be carried to and from his bed with what he called "the most excruciating tortures". At one point, he lost the use of his left arm and leg and it took him nearly nine months to recover.

Thereafter, his health remained precarious, though in a benign climate, when he was happy and not under too much stress, his natural robustness seems to have reassured itself. Indeed, when he returned to Britain briefly in the late summer of 1805 after two years in the Mediterranean, friends remarked on how well he looked and how he had even grown "plump".

Throughout his later life, Nelson suffered regular, and often quite acute, chest pains, which he referred to as "my dreadful spasms".

Beatty, who treated Nelson almost daily for over two years, believed this was "indigestion brought on by writing for several hours together" and modern experts tend to agree with him.

□ *The Nelson Encyclopedia* is published by Chatham at £30.



IN *Deadlight*, fourth in his Portsmouth-based series of crime thrillers, author Graham Hurley has Detective Inspector Joe Faraday investigating the disappearance of a young sailor on board 'HMS Accolade' en route for the Falklands in 1982.

To help in his research he would like to hear from anyone with experience of Type 21 frigates. Call him on 023 92 851932.

Calling all Type 21s



Submarine-launched raid was planned for Argentina

BRITISH commanders came close to sending a special force into Argentina to hunt for an arsenal of deadly Exocet missiles that posed the main threat to the Royal Navy's 1982 Falklands operation.

In **Task Force** (Sutton £19.99) David Reynolds says the initial plan for Operation Mikado was to fly special forces troops into the mainland.

This mission was cancelled, but then it was planned to put a force ashore from a submarine.

The Exocet attacks that result-

ed in the sinking of HMS *Sheffield* and the Atlantic Convoy made it clear that at least two French-built AM-39 missiles remained in the Argentinian arsenal.

It was intended to land 24 SAS men carrying 66mm LAW missiles and explosive charges to destroy enemy aircraft and pilots' living quarters in a night raid, Reynolds claims.

According to one of the SAS soldiers involved in the planned raid, the Navy submarine was to surface seven miles off the coast

and 6 Troop would make their way ashore in Gemini rubber boats which would be inflated on the casing deck of the submarine and loaded with equipment and men."

Rehearsals were carried out aboard a diesel-electric submarine in San Carlos with advice from the SBS.

"However, as 6 Troop made their final preparations the Argentinians in the Falklands surrendered and the 'white flags over Stanley' resulted in the submarine raid being aborted."

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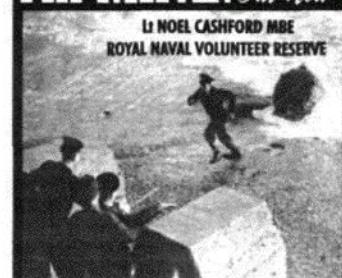
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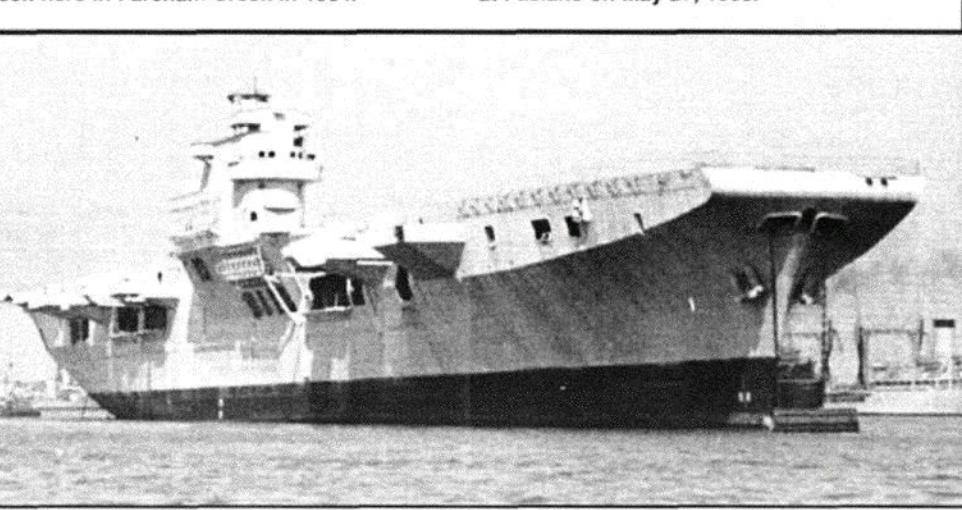
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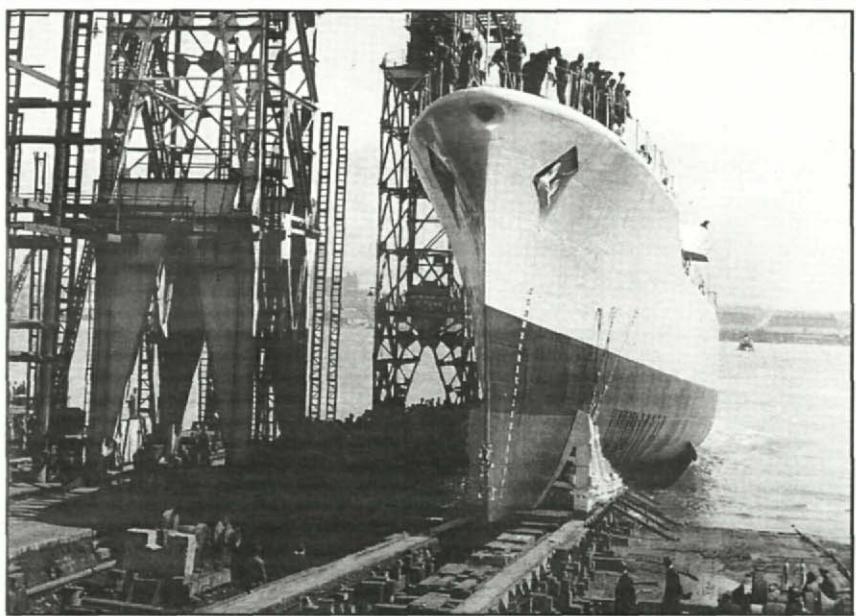
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● HMS Ajax enters the water at Birkenhead on her launch in 1962

Deaths

Brigadier Robert M. Bowkett, Director of Personnel and Corporate Planning. Aged 47, July 16.

Cdr Peter Richardson, Anti-submarine warfare officer in WWII. While serving in frigate Rupert in Outer Hebrides, involved in the sinking of U-965 and U-755 in one day, plus the U-1021 three days later, and the U-1001 the next month. Joined RN aged 18, served as midshipman in Abelia during North Atlantic convoy duties. Loaned to Royal

Canadian Navy, served in Assiniboine and Gifford. Returned to RN in Rupert with anti-submarine patrols in the Channel and escort of Arctic convoys JW61 and RA61. Post WWII, joined anti-submarine warfare school at Portland as instructor, then to command frigates in Dartmouth training squadron. As torpedo and anti-submarine specialist for FOSM helped bring in Asdic long-range sonar to Dreadnought. Life member of the Royal Naval Sailing Association. Aged 78, June 29.

Lt Cdr Ken Pattison, Swordfish pilot who is believed to have fired the torpedo that jammed Bismarck's rudders and crippled the German warship for which he received the DSC. Served for 20 years, initially as part of Force H. Later CO of 815 NAS. Served in carriers Colossus with British Pacific Fleet in 1945 and Theseus during Korean War where he was mentioned in dispatches. Retired from Navy in 1958. Aged 85, July 13.

R.S. 'Reg' Pitts, AB ST. Submariners Association, Gosport branch. Boats include: Tuncheon, Iotem. Aged 76.

P. 'Phil' Williams, CPO Stoker. Submariners Association, Bromley branch. Served in submarines 1937-60: Otus, Olympus, Thrasher, Umbra, Alcide, Tudor, Amphion, Afray, Aeneas, Tally-Ho, Thule, Thermopylae, Teredo, U3017. Aged 86.

E.H. 'Ted' Jackson, AB. Submariners Association, Merseyside branch. Boats include: Tantalus, U2502, U3017. Aged 79.

G.W. 'George' Minty, AB. Submariners Association, New Zealand branch. Boats include: Ursula, Sanguine, Scotsman.

C. 'Charlie' Thompson, Stoker. Submariners Association, Sunderland branch. Served in submarines 1949-53: Trespasser, Tradewind. Aged 73.

Ken Etheridge, Master at Arms. HMS Belfast Association, served in ship 1961-2. Joined RN after serving in SS Kensington Court when attacked by U-boat. Trained at HMS St George, then joined ships of Convoy WS14, then into SS Wuchang in Far East. Transferred in 1944 to Regulating branch to become RPO and young MAA in Belfast, St Vincent, St Angelo and elsewhere. July 7.

Reginald Edward Damerell, Served during WWII in convoys and destroyers in Mediterranean and Pacific. Post-war joined London Fire Brigade and a MOTH of Hill 60 Shell Hole. Aged 76, July 1.

Charles H. James, Algerines Association. Served in Thibie, May 18.

Philip F. Stevens, Algerines Association. Served in Rifleman, May 19.

Ivor E.E. Jewell, Algerines Association. Served in Moon and Brave.

Herbert V. Nice, Algerines Association. Served in Welfare and Cadmus. July 2.

Ron Stratton, Leading Seaman. Served in HMS Atherton. Veteran of St Nazaire, Salerno, Anzio, and North Africa.

Brian 'Bob' Smart, FCPO SM (WOPs). Submariner 1952-84. Aged 68, April 17.

Bill Huke, Stoker. Loch Fada Association. Aged 76, July 7.

John Bishop, Aircraft Handler between 1964-79. Aircraft Handlers Association. July 5.

Harry Frederick Simmons, Petty Officer Airman (Telegraphist/Air Gunner). Telegraphist Air Gunners Association. Crew member of FAA 827 Squadron. Also served in: Daedalus, Jackdaw, Formidable and Colossus. Aged 82, June.

Benjamin Marshall Downing, AB-LTO. Submariners Association, Hull and East Yorkshire branch, long-serving member. Served in HMS Solent 1944-47. Aged 77, December 17.

A.L. 'Fred' Thomas, AB. Coastal Forces, survivor MTB710. Aged 77, August 5.

T. Tipping, DSM. HMS Cossack Association. Served in Iron Duke, Petard (where awarded DSM), Cossack at Altmark and Bismarck incident. Aged 81.

Lt Anthony Pullin, DSC. National Fleet Air Arm Association, president Watford Branch. Senior Pilot of one of the Squadrions that were involved in the raids on Tirpitz. June 10.

Anthony Edwin Cuff, Air Mechanic, 1944-45. National Fleet Air Arm Association, branch secretary of Eastbourne branch. Also Membership Secretary of National Executive Committee for a number of years, and Social Secretary and Area Delegate for RNA at Eastbourne. June 26.

Ron Kelly, AA1(AE), National Fleet Air Arm Association, president Isle of Wight Branch. Served 1937-59. Served during WWII in Cumberland. July 19.

William Fisher, HMS Belfast Association, in which he served as Boy Seaman, 1939. July 5.

Lionel G. Brown, Stoker 1 (1940-42), HMS Orion Association. February 17.

Frederick Trower, Seaman (1944-45), HMS Orion Association. May 8.

Wally Haffenreffer, Leading Stoker (1940-43), HMS Orion Association. May 12.

William H. Lee, Stoker 1 (1938-40), HMS Orion Association. June 1.

Ron Stratton, Leading Seaman. HMS Atherton Association. Aged 78, July 13.

Robert Alec Cokes, CPO Coxswain. Served 1936-68. Ships and establishments include: Drake, Iron Duke, Hawkins, Dunedin, Barham, Canopus, Victory, Hilary, Bruce, Watchful, Victoria and Albert, Vernon, Chapel, Torquay, Phoenicia and Bellerophon. Awarded croix de guerre with silver star for Normandy landings. Aged 80, June 21.

Peter Bugden, CPO. Member of Naval force that sank Bismarck as torpedoman in HMS Suffolk. Joined RN in 1937, and served

THE TIME OF YOUR LIVES

NAVY NEWS looks back through its pages to recall some of the September headlines of past decades...

40 years ago

The launch of the new Leander-class frigates Ajax and Penelope made front-page news.

On August 16 and 17 respectively, the two new frigates entered the waters for the first time.

Ajax was launched at the Birkenhead shipyard of Cammell Laird, and Penelope was born from the Newcastle shipyard of Vickers Armstrong.

Four Leanders - Ajax, Dido, Leander and Penelope - were originally ordered, but a review in 1961-62 brought out the need to order an extra three, Aurora, Euryalus and Galatea, with more to follow.

Their names were bound to bring back memories of the history of their antecedents in World War II.

30 years ago

The Royal Naval Unit at Southampton began in autumn.

This growth in the Navy's 'university fleet' followed the success of the Aberdeen unit which started the academic ball rolling in 1966.

Liverpool and Glasgow had their own units by 1971, and Southampton became the fourth university to offer undergraduates a chance to experience the real thrills of life at sea.

Inshore minesweepers provided the practical seaborne knowhow to the willing undergraduates, along with lectures ashore.

Lt Cdr Chris Walker was first officer-in-charge of the new unit, ably assisted by an old shipmate from HMS Aurochs, CPO Bill Cook.

20 years ago

The last moments of HMS Coventry on May 25 are captured in a photograph taken by one of the survivors less than 15 minutes after her company had abandoned ship.

AEMN(L)2 Mick Dilucia passed his camera forward to CPO Mick Patterson through the 37 men crammed into the 25-man liferaft.

After an hour, the liferaft tied up alongside another and the men were spread more evenly between the boats. Mick and his camera were later picked up by a helicopter from RFA Fort Austin.

Despite water damage to the camera itself, the film in the camera proved intact and was developed during the homeward journey on the QE2.

Appointments

Rear Admiral J.M. Burnell-Nugent to be promoted Vice Admiral and to be Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command on 28 Jan 02. This appointment carries with it membership of the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

Rear Admiral A.K. Dymock to be Head of British Defence Staff Washington on 27 Sept 02.

Rear Admiral R.G. Lockwood to be Chief Naval Supply Officer from 4 Jul 02.

Lt P.J.E. Tilden to be CO of HMS Trumper on 16 Sept 02.

Lt Cdr D.P. Salisbury to be CO of 815 Squadron HQ on 15 Nov 02.

Brig J.B. Dutton to be Brigade Commandant HQ3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines on 25 Jul 02.

Capt D.J. Lye to Fleet Waterfront Organisation Devonport as Capt (HM) and Hydrographer of the Royal Navy on 14 Jan 03.

Cdr R.J. Holyer to Defence Medical Training Centre as Chief of Staff and CO on 2 Aug 02.

Capt J.M. Knowles to RNAS Culdrose as CO on 14 Jan 03.

Capt F. Reed to hold the rank of Commodore and be Commodore Defence Medical Training Centre on 12 Jun 02.

Cdr P.A. Chivers to HMS Lancaster as CO on 16 Dec 02.

Cdr M.C. Cree to HMS Gloucester as CO on 10 Dec 02.

Cdr E. Kelbie to HMS Argyll as CO on 9 Jan 03.

Cdr J.A. Morse to be granted higher rank of Acting Captain and as CO of HMS Illustrious for under one month from 16 Sep 02.

Lt Cdr P.A.E. Brown to HMS Grimsby as CO on 3 Dec 02.

Swap drafts

LSTD Taylor, Contact: HMS Nelson, 9380 24164. Draft: HMS Leeds Castle, Dec 02. Will swap for: any other draught.

POWM(O) M.C. Butler, Contact: 07968 534393. Draft: HMS Illustrious, Internal Comms Maintainer, drafted to shore in Rosyth for refit commencing 11 Nov 02. Will swap for: any Portsmouth ship, preferably not deploying until Sep 03.

POSA L. Grosvenor, Contact: 93822 5036. Draft: 846 at Yeovilton, 8 Jan 03. Will swap for: any Portsmouth ship, preferably not deploying until Sep 03.

LOM(AW) Burgoyne, Contact: 07968 534393. Draft: HMS Illustrious, Internal Comms Maintainer, drafted to shore in Rosyth for refit commencing 11 Nov 02. Will swap for: any Portsmouth ship, preferably not deploying until Sep 03.

LMA Steve Barney, Contact: 0797 346 8271. Draft: RCDM Birmingham. Will swap for: any Portsmouth shore draught.

Ch Clark, Contact: 0778 971 8998. Draft: HMS Monmouth, 5 Nov 02, not deploying until Jan 04. Will swap for: any Portsmouth-based ship, deploying or not.

Lt Cdr Sp Ray Tow RNVR, Aquitaine. Served 1937-49, Malta, GC 1939-43, then Admiralty and 1946 Flag Officer Germany. Aged 84, August 10.

Arthur Downes, AB Radar, Herne Bay. Ships include Pembroke, LST 365, Li/Fit carrier HMS Triumph. Served in landing craft in Normandy landings, 1944. Aged 76, July 20.

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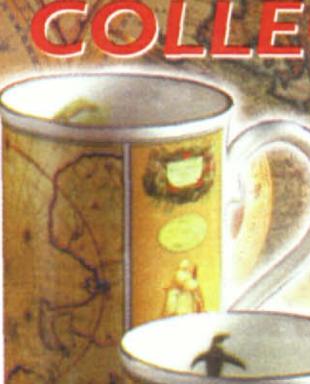
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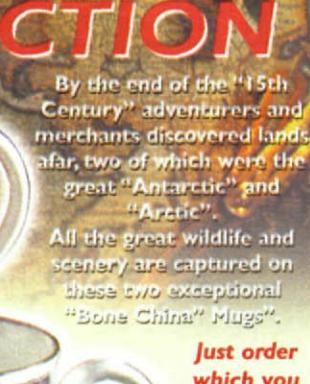
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FIRST Sea Lord Admiral Sir Alan West was special guest of the Port of London at the annual barge-driving race, commemorating the days when ships' cargoes were discharged on the Thames and moved by oar.

The 20-tonne steel barges are rowed 6½ miles from the former Royal Naval College Greenwich to Blackfriars Bridge.

After a hard-fought struggle, this year's race was won by the Cory's team, with Port of London Authority Marine Service only 10ft behind.

Admiral West recalled there had once been an agreement between the Company and the Admiralty that no more than 650 Watermen would be "recruited" by the London press gangs each year – and suggested that the same arrangement might serve the Navy well today...

• Admiral West with the Thames Watermen, in their traditional scarlet "Doggett's Coat and Badge Winner" uniforms

Picture: George Cossey

Legion takes over housing advice agency

ESHRA, the UK's only referral agency for all ex-Service people and their dependents seeking residential and nursing care, has been taken over by the Royal British Legion.

This follows a successful two-year trial period for the E-Service Homes Referral Agency, funded by the Confederation of British Service and Ex-Service Organisations.

ESHRA is available to all ex-Service people and their families, whether they are disabled or elderly and in need of nursing care, or experiencing housing problems such as eviction.

The expert team offers impartial advice on care homes, respite and short welfare breaks, independent living and sheltered accommodation in both the voluntary and private sectors.

The service can also provide details of retirement housing to rent and buy, as well as advice on funding problems.

ESHRA has built links with other relevant organisations, such as Help the Aged and Counsel and Care.

"It is the first service of its kind," RBL Controller of

Welfare Terry English told *Navy News*.

"The success of its initial trial period shows just how great the need was for this type of support amongst the ex-Service community."

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"ESHRA is uniquely positioned to assess their requirements and help them take the first steps in finding a place to live that meets their individual needs."

"The Legion is therefore very pleased to enable this vital service to continue as part of its wide-ranging support for ex-Service people."

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Tickled pink

LADY NICOLA Perowne seems to be enjoying herself as sponsor of HMS Shoreham, commissioned at the ship's affiliated port of Shoreham-by-Sea.

The wife of Admiral Sir James Perowne, she launched the Navy's latest Sandown-class minehunter at Southampton in April last year.

She presented the ship with a Dartington crystal bowl to mark the occasion – and in turn received a painting of HMS Shoreham by local artist Eric Hanley.

On completion of the ceremony Mrs Katie Guy, wife of the ship's CO Lt Cdr Tom Guy, cut the commissioning cake – made on board by the Shoreham's Leading Chef Jim Weaver – with the assistance of the youngest member of the ship's

company, OM(C) Johnny Pickbourne.

The ship had sailed from Portsmouth with 54 guests drawn from her affiliations in Shoreham, including the Chairman of Adur District Council Mrs Liza McKinney.

Open to visitors as part of Shoreham Port Open Day, she entertained 2,000 guests, including some ex-ship's company from the World War II HMS Shoreham.

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Moneywise

Where next for pensions?

FROM reading the financial pages and leaders in the popular press, one could be excused for thinking that the Armed Forces Pension Scheme and other public sector schemes are the envy of everyone else.

However, three of the principal factors which are driving public sector schemes away from defined benefits do not apply to the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS).

This is because there is no actual fund to be adversely affected by recent changes to taxation and accounting practice standards or poor performance of the stock market. Benefits are paid from general taxation and are not subject to such vagaries.

There is, however, no room for complacency. Ample evidence exists to show that the AFPS has fallen well behind modern good practice standards and is well overdue for a thorough overhaul.

The MoD is conducting a major review of the scheme to bring it into the 21st century, and in March 2001 produced a consultation document setting out its proposals for introduction around 2005.

Many individuals and organisations have contributed to this consultation exercise, including the Forces Pension Society (FPS) which submitted full and analytically-based evidence to benchmark the proposals against modern good practice.

The FPS exists solely to ensure that the Armed Forces are offered pension conditions which are at least as good as standard practice elsewhere, particularly in comparison with other public sector schemes.

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Stuart Pike, stationed at 819 NAS in 1994, flying Sea Kings: Matt O'Connor knew Stuart from 1979 Erith Air Training Corps, but has since lost touch. Contact (Flying Officer) Matt O'Connor, 19 Lyndhurst Way, Istead Rise, Gravesham DA13 9EN, tel 01474 832583, work: 0207 804 6653, or email: matthew.oconnor@uk.pwcglobal.com

Carlo R. Duarte II did his PADI Divemaster course with Billy Draper, currently in the Royal Navy, and would like to hear from Billy. Contact Carlos at 2929 SE 23rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974, USA or email: MSDT160547@msn.com

Ted 'Bungy' Williams seeks shipmates from **HMS Mull of Kintyre**, Singapore, 1960-64. They were messed at HMS Terror and looked after minesweepers on active service and in mothballs. Contact Ted on 01329 829558, email: tedwilliams1@cwctv.net.uk

Barry Morgan, a gunner who served in HMS Sovereign during World War II, wants to hear from anyone associated with the ship. Contact Barry at 37 Staines Hill, Stirrup, Canterbury CT2 0ER, tel: 01227 710743 or email: brm@2zoom.co.uk

Jack Jenkins served with the RN in HMS Ajax in World War II and finished in the carrier HMS Empress during the Far East campaign. A native New Zealander, he has been seriously ill recently but is now on the mend, and would be delighted to hear from wartime colleagues. Contact Jack at 17 Faulke Ave, Wainuimata, Wellington, New Zealand.

HMS Lincoln 1968-70: Far East Commission with Cdr Turner as CO. Yory Sutcliffe, Spike Thorne and Cass Golborne would like to hear from Butcher McPartlin and the rest of the crew. Contact Mike Sutcliffe, 48 Kibble Grove, Brierfield, Nelson, Lancs BB9 5EW or email: mike.sutcliffe@tw-stretch.com

HMS Raneen: Does anyone who commissioned HMS Raneen in Vancouver, December 43, recall the train journey from New York to Vancouver Island and the trials carried out of Seattle, where HMS Nabob went aground and they attempted to pull her off? Contact S.F. Tiffin, 2 Falconry Court, 7 Fairfield South, Kingston-on-Thames KT1 2UR.

Mr C.H. Fuller was going through old photos and came across photo of **Grenville 204 Class**, HMS St George around 1940, and wonders how many of the class are still around. Contact him at 35 Parklands Rd, Chichester PO19 3DX, tel: 01243 783373.

HMS Exeter, Falklands War: Paul B. Hegerty would like to hear from Ronald G. Herd (Ronnie), David K. John (Taff), David J.W. Thorne, R.I. Munro (George) Mark A. Barker (Ronnie), Christopher M. Clear (Crystal) Ronald Kemp (Ronnie) and John Adam (Jock). Contact L. Hegerty, 4 Weybourne Drive, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2DN or email: lhegerty@aol.com

HMS Hecate: Ian (Crazy Bill) Bailey seeks stokers from 1976-8 period, Persian Gulf trip or the St Ives boat party, especially Scrumpty (Dave) Bulmer. Contact Ian, 020 8249 1989, email: bailey.831@ntworld.com

Seeking FAAM Joseph Phillipine, Foxglove 11 (Eleven) Red/Black CSIGU 1948-55 R 1960. Contact Mike Barton, Cpl RN Foxglove 9 Red/Blue at Fairfield Park, Carlsile CA1 3HY.

Samantha Kieran is trying to get in touch with **Lorraine (Spugge) Geddes** (nee Smith), who was at HMS Raleigh between June and September 1992. When last heard of she was moving to Gosport with her husband Archie. Contact Samantha at 38, Rookery Lane, Keresley, Coventry CV6 4HE or mobile: 07801 811120.

HMS Triumph: Looking for anyone who served in Triumph 1968-70. Eddie Hallett (PTs runner) has just had a reunion with Mickey Mallon, and they would like to meet old shipmates especially the ship's soccer team under the guidance of Jerry Rawlings. Contact Eddie at 84 Mount Wise, Newquay, TR7 2BS, tel: 01637 872924 or email: QUIESHOTEL@adsl.com

HMS Royal Arthur, New entry Class 330, July to October 1948: Maurice Woodlock seeks anyone in that class with him or some of the 80 or so National Servicemen in HMS Ocean and at Hal-Far, Malta 1948-49. Contact Maurice at 5, Elsa Kidson Court, Stoke, Nelson, New Zealand.

Sue Rich (ex Wren 1971-75) wants to hear from anyone at Culdrose who remembers her; email: susanmeiring@hotmail.com

HMS Arethusa 1980-84: Any of the ship's company interested in a reunion should contact Mac McGreevy on 01752 313641.

HMS Ganges: Keith Sowerby seeks anyone who joined up or served with him from 1967. His nicknames were 'Smiggy' and 'George'. Contact him at 17 Grampian Way, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG17 4AG, tel: 01623 512863 or email: rose.lane@btopenworld.com

Ton Class Association are seeking old photos, cuttings, sea stories and dits that can help piece together the histories of all Ton Class Sweepers and Hunters. Anything sent will be returned as soon as it has been recorded. Contact Rik Furnival, Ton Class Association, 19 Willow Drive, Durrington, Salisbury SP4 8DE, mobile: 07986 240852 or email: webmaster@tca2000.co.uk

HMS Columbus 1942-43: 'Bronco' Lane is seeking anyone who knew him during his time in the Royal Navy. Contact him via his son at 71 Bramley Court, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts NG17 4AG, tel: 01623 512863 or email: rose.lane@btopenworld.com

HMS Albion 1962-64: Commission: Calling all ship's company including RM Detachment, 40, 42 Commando RM, 845 and 846 Squadrons. Anyone else on board should contact Keith Ridley on 01480 810848 or email: hmsalbion@hotmail.com

HMS Yarnton 1968: Brian 'Tanks' Mitchell is seeking those with him when they took the ship to Singapore from Bahrain, including Lt Cdr Davidson, Lt Whiteside, CPO Jim Green, Mickey Orr, Shiner Wright, Dave Astley, Banjo Best, Tony Eaton, Darby Allen and Percy Peery. Write to 32 Holme Hill, Eastfield, Scarborough YO11 3LF, tel: 01723 584390.

Hood Class, Victory Barracks, August 1934: Peter A. Smith has found an old photo of himself and seven others taken after completing their first wireless operators exam. Were you one of them? Contact Peter at 2 Fleece Cottage, New Balderton, Deverill, SN10 3QB, tel: 01380 840702.

Jim Wickens (Black Jim) served in HMS Rocket 1951-53, HMS Ursa 1953-55, the Reserve Fleet, West Hartlepool and HMS Neptune Reserve Fleet, Chatham. He would like to hear from anyone who remembers him. Write to 'Stonewold', Bush Estate, Eccles, Norwich, Norfolk.

Reunions

September

Fast Minelayers Association reunion and AGM September 20-22 at the Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne. Details from John Lewis on 01323 500882.

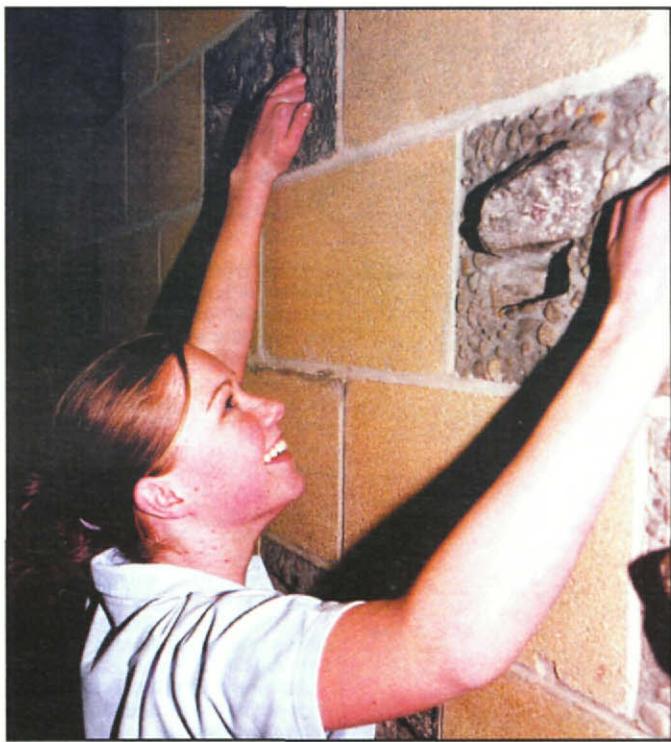
Limbang Raid, Brunei, 1962: A one-off reunion is planned for the ship's companies of HMS Fiskenay and Chawton and of Lima Company, 42 Cdo, plus associated arms. This will take place on September 21 at the Imperial War Museum, Manchester. Contact Peter Down, 5 Shaw Moor Ave, Stalybridge, SK15 2RB, email: AVOCQA@aoe.com

HMS Victorious Association 1956-68: reunion at the Britannia Hotel, Fairfax St, Coventry, CV1 5RP from October 18-20. AGM, gala dinner and full programme arranged. Contact Secretary, Doug Mitchell, 144 Faversham, Southill, Weymouth DT4 9RS, tel: 01305 776526.

HMS Wizard & HMS Cadiz Association reunion October 18-20 at the Nautical Club, Birmingham. All commissions, ranks and rates welcome. Details from Tom Fox, Marocho, Church Lane, Meriden, Coventry CV7 7HX, tel: 01676 523296.

RNNS (East Anglia) Association reunion at 1200 on March 30 in the 'Shipwreck', Shotley Marina (old Enright Block, HMS Ganges). Other RNNS groups, RNR(NCS) and guests welcome. Details from Peter Brooke, 7 Penn Close, Capel St Mary, Ipswich IP9 2UE, tel:

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Girls' sports on a par at St John's

THE completion of an integration programme for girls' sports at St John's College at the start of the 2002/3 academic year is the finishing touch to their co-educational phase-in, with the girls already emulating the boys' sporting success.

"The girls are extremely enthui-

siastic," said Nicky Lewis, Head of Girls' Physical Education. "They have been keen to learn and the team has been able to use skills to maximum effect."

Over the past 10 years, St John's have shown their commitment to sporting activities both in improved and new facilities and educational courses.

The college has recently introduced a 'fitness profile' that acts as an entry test for all pupils, identifying an individual's strengths and weaknesses.

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QUEEN'S College Taunton enters the new school year with a range of superb new facilities becoming available.

The sixth-form now has its own learning resource and social centre, whilst the pre-prep has doubled in size after a summer of building. Sixth-formers are now housed on two floors.

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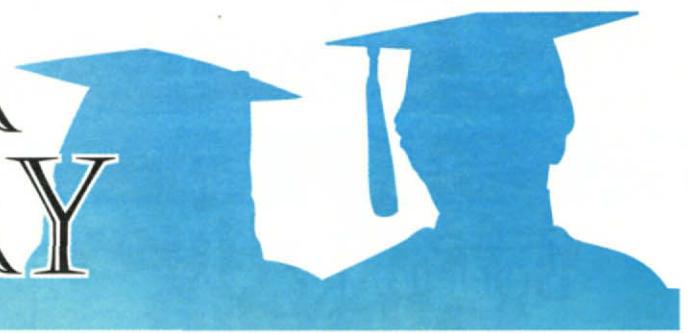
"This emphasis on independent learning will not only enhance prospects at A-level but also provide an excellent preparation for the different study techniques needed in university life," said headmaster Chris Alcock.

Social life for the post-16s is also catered for with a recreational floor which includes a TV lounge,

cyber-café and recreational areas.

Further down the school the refurbished learning resource centre for years 7-11 will provide access to the Internet and the school's own fast-growing intranet via a suite of networked PCs.

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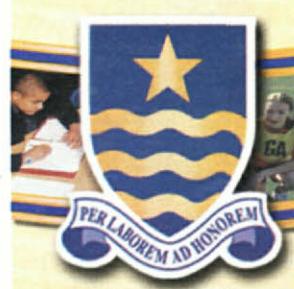
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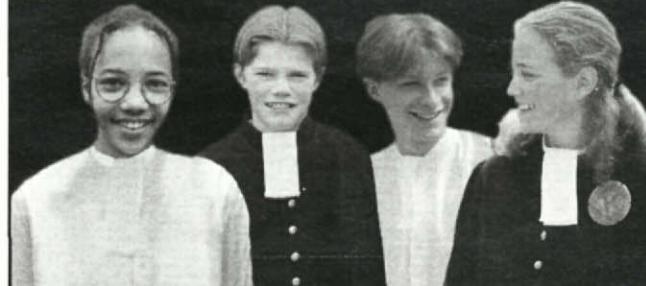
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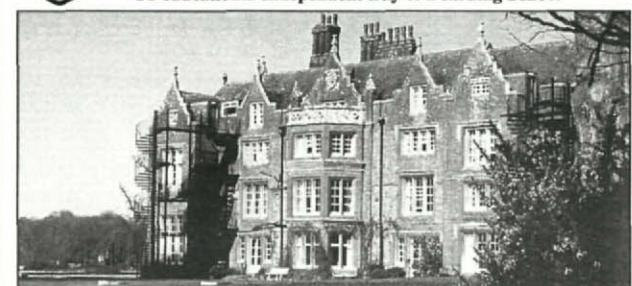
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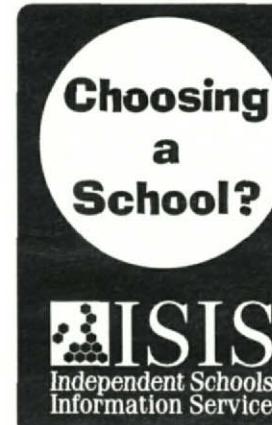
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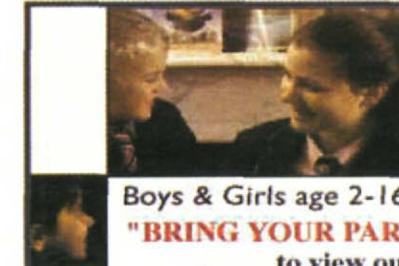


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classrooms, upgrading of the swimming pool, new changing rooms and a new riding arena.

This investment reflects the increase in numbers of children attending the school and the commitment of the governors to continue to provide the very best for pupils and members of the community who also enjoy the facilities.

The school has continued to grow in academic strength with excellent Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs results. In Key Stage 2 100 per cent obtained level 4 or better in English and two children gained a level 6 in Science.

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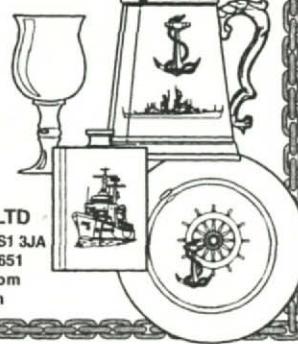
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Mk 7 flies at cutting edge

THE FIRST of the new breed of Mk 7 Sea Kings came into active service at the end of July.

In a ceremony on board HMS Ark Royal, 849A Squadron rededicated with the Airborne Surveillance and Control (ASaC) Sea King Mk 7s.

Sixty members of the Squadron and Flight paraded with a guard from HMS Ark Royal before Flag Officer Maritime Aviation, Rear Admiral Scott Lidbetter, to mark 849A as the first Flight to become operational with the newly-revamped Sea Kings.

At the ceremony, Admiral Lidbetter stated: "This aircraft is going to be at the forefront of defence for the foreseeable future."

The Mk 7 Sea Kings are described as a quantum leap from their previous incarnation as Airborne Early Warning (AEW) Mk 2s. Flight Commanding Officer, Lt Cdr 'Mac' McKenzie

said: "It's the Fleet Air Arm equivalent of going from sail to steam."

The conversion process for the remaining Sea King Mk 2s continues for 849B Flight and the Squadron HQ, with the final aircraft due to return to the squadron at RNAS Culdrose in summer 2003. This will result in a total of 13 Mk 7s operating in the Naval fleet.

Contained within the veteran Sea King shell lies a new sophisticated system to beam timely and quality information back to the command.

Colour screens show a complex pattern of dots and lines, each marker signifying a different element in the detailed surveillance picture.

The Mk 7s come equipped with the new, high performance Searchwater 2000 radar from Thales described by Lt Cdr McKenzie as "a phenomenal piece of kit".

This consists of a high-powered,



• A Sea King Mk 7 Airborne Surveillance and Control helicopter – the easiest way to distinguish at a glance between the Mk 2 and the Mk 7 is that the Mk 2 dome on the spine has been replaced with an angular fitting

multi-mode pulse Doppler radar integrated with IFF (identify friend or foe) system and Link-16 data/communications facilities to encompass range with overland and littoral detection.

Lt Ivan Hamilton of 849A Flight described the return of the improved Sea Kings: "It's like a Morris Minor with a travel scrabble in the back, now upgraded with a Playstation 2."

Lt McKenzie added: "One Mk 7 has the computing power of the whole Merlin fleet."

A Flight and B Flight provide the two frontline units for 849 Squadron, with an additional Headquarters Flight.

HQ Flight offers support to the two frontline Flights and is a training facility for airborne early warning observers and aircrew.

A new Mk 7 simulator has been installed at the squadron and a comprehensive training package is underway.

There has been operator

involvement at all levels in the development of the Mk 7s.

Ranging from basic design to software implementation, the voices of the users have been heard at every stage of the SMART procurement process. Naval observers have fed their specialist expertise into the production.

These aircraft are equipped to operate in multi-national, joint environments with a sophisticated technical fit that includes air and land surveillance as part of the mission system.

Trophy first for 700M

CULDROSE squadron 700M has become the first Merlin squadron to be awarded the newly-inaugurated Lockheed Martin trophy.

The intention is to award the trophy each year to the individual or unit that makes the most impact on the delivery of the Merlin operational capability to the Royal Navy.

Commanding Officer of 700M, Lt Cdr Chris Maude said: "The combined enthusiasm, motivation and determination to succeed means that personnel from 700M have taken every opportunity to progress the Merlin cause.

"They have responded superbly to the many challenges, produced some outstanding results and are fully deserving of the recognition this award stands for."

In the tradition of 700 Squadron, 700M formed the Merlin Operational Evaluation Unit in September last year for the introduction of the Merlin helicopter into service. This followed the completion of its work as the Intensive Flying Trials Unit.

The squadron has been involved in a range of trials looking at the necessary procedures for the carriage and release of heavy weapons. Further tactical measures have also been reviewed and validated for the new aircraft.

During weapon trials earlier this year, the squadron carried out the first in-service drop of the Stingray torpedo by a Merlin helicopter.

A Merlin from 700M has recently been taking part in multi-national exercises with Type 23 frigate, HMS Lancaster.

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Sea Cadets

Music all day at castle show

PENBROKE Castle provided the dramatic setting for two special events featuring the musical skills of South West Area Sea Cadets – both on the same day.

Six bands led by West Wales District Guard led the way by marching through Pembroke to the castle where they took part in the Area Band Competition.

Here they were judged on their musical skills by SCC Director of Music Lt Cdr D. Payne and Miss A. Bowen Davies – and on dress by Lt Jason Kinghorn and CPO Tina Neslen.

Winner of the premier section was Weston-super-Mare, whose routine included both military and modern music. The Contest group saw Redditch and Bromsgrove in competition with Sutton Coldfield, the former coming out on top.



Bands from Milford Haven, Rhondda and Torbay hotly contested the novice class – won by Torbay in its first ever entry in the competition.

Saluting Officer for the afternoon was the Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed Sir David Mansel Lewis and the prizes were presented by Vice Admiral Sir Jonathon Tod.

In the evening Pembroke Ladies Lifeboat Guild held a Golden Jubilee reception at the castle which featured musical entertainment by the bands.

Guild vice president Mrs Rosie Allen-Mirehouse made a special vote of thanks to the Castle Trustees and to Texaco Pembroke for sponsoring the reception and the Sea Cadets' travel expenses.

The premier band from Weston then Beat Retreat while the Salute was taken by Admiral Tod.



● Above: SW Cadets on parade at Pembroke Castle. Right: Sir David Mansel Lewis inspects the Guard

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Back in tune, on top form

WILLESDEN and St Marylebone unit's 60th anniversary year has been crowned with the presentation of its first pennant for many years – for forming a Junior section and winning its first national trophy in more than two decades!

The unit's senior girls five-a-side soccer team triumphed at HMS Collingwood where they went through a tense two days, especially when the semi finals went to penalties.

The final was won in the last minute by a goal by the team's captain, OC Lizzie Lopez.

The unit's XO, CPO(SCC) William Wright remembers when St Marylebone won the national senior boys football back in 1979 – he was in the team!

Using equipment dating from the 1940s, the cadets have also managed to get their band up and running again.

Bandmaster CI Martin James and founder member OC Ezras Adams have been tireless in trying to get a tune out of the unit's budding musicians, including the CO and First Lieutenant.



● SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Bandmaster Martin James and OC Ezras Adams have been the prime movers in bringing music back to Willesden and St Marylebone unit.



FREEDOM FOR BEDFORD AFTER 60 YEARS



BEDFORD Unit are seen here receiving the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.

The Freedom was voted unanimously by Bedford Borough Council earlier this year, in recognition of the cordial relationship between the Council and the Sea Cadets over the past 60 years.

• Left: The Guard and Colour Party with the Freedom Casket being trooped. Below: Mayor of Bedford Cllr J. C. Cunningham with Eastern Area Officer Cdr S. Watt, Bedford Unit CO Lt R. J. Knight and Casket Bearer PO S. Knight.



Two-minute lead takes the Cup for Hawkins

STOCKPORT's Marine Detachment are this year's winners of the prestigious Gibraltar Cup, won against stiff opposition from all over the country.

It was presented by Lt Col Steven Wotherspoon, Commanding Officer Royal Marines Reserve Liverpool.

The Cup was presented to the Sea Cadet Corps in 1955 when the Marine Section was first started and is given to the country's top Marine Detachment.

This year the competition was held at Altcar Army Ranges near Formby, Merseyside.

Stockport won the Assault Course by over two minutes from its nearest rival and clearly won the Concert, performing well enough in all the other sections to take the overall lead.

Stockport Marine Detachment was formed in 1967 and is part of TS Hawkins.

• CUP WINNERS: Lt Col Wotherspoon with TS Hawkins' top Marine Detachment



Awards for Menin Gate players

DIRECTOR of the National Maritime Museum Rear Admiral Roy Clare presented Colchester Unit with their annual awards.

Cadet of the Year was LC Sarah Dickens with AC Gemma Mussett as runner-up. Young Cadet of the Year was Belinda Ford with Cadet Josh Gray in second place.

An award was given by the Royal British Legion to mark the 10 years the Band has played at Colchester - and a certificate from Bob Russell, MP to all of them who took part in last August's Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres.

Marking 56 years' service

TO MARK his 56 years' service with Twickenham Unit, Lt T. A. Owen received a Certificate of Appreciation from Rear Admiral Scott Lidbetter, Flag Officer Maritime Aviation.





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If you have some good ideas then let us know!! E-mail us right now at

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DRINKING IN THOSE GOOD IDEAS!



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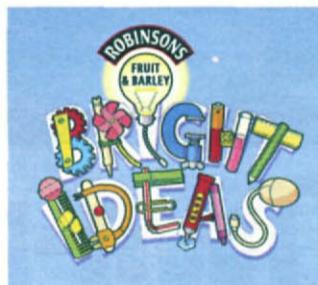
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It's challenging you to invent anything at all that will make life easier for you or your family.

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"MEET THE CREW"**

Watch out for our brand new feature "Meet the Crew". In the coming months we'll be out and about visiting ships and bases, and meeting people in the Navy.

We'll find out all there is to know about being in the Navy, going to sea, working and living on a

base and even flying. Don't miss this great feature starting soon. Don't forget if you have any questions you'd like us to ask then e-mail or write to us now.

AND if you'd like us to visit someone or something special in the Navy then let us know!!

MESS DECK

Back to School, so lots of writing please!!!

Hope you all enjoyed top holidays!

Now it's time to get out those pens and paper - no, not just for school!!!! To write to us, of course! We love getting your letters.

Are you starting at a new school? Do you have a new teacher? We want to hear all about it.

What about new friends and new houses? We want to hear about them too!

Thanks to Leon Solomon-Rider for his letter. We hope you really like your new home!

Hello to Ross Hook, thanks for a lovely picture, you're very good at drawing!

A big Welcome to our youngest new member, 16 week old Lauren Howell!

CLEVER JOBS IN THE ROYAL NAVY

The Navy uses loads of gadgets and technology to keep their amazing ships and planes on the move.

Some of the jobs are top secret and in future issues we'll be going behind the scenes to find some of the Navy's best inventions.

If you fancy using some of the Navy's very high-tech kit for real you



An Operator Mechanic (Communications) sending a message by Morse Code

HAPPY HOLIDAY SNAPS!!

Although it's back to school now we hope you had a really great time during the holidays.

Let's cheer ourselves up by looking back at all the summer fun. We want your holiday snaps. The whackier and funnier the better!

The best will appear in Navy News and you'll get a special prize.

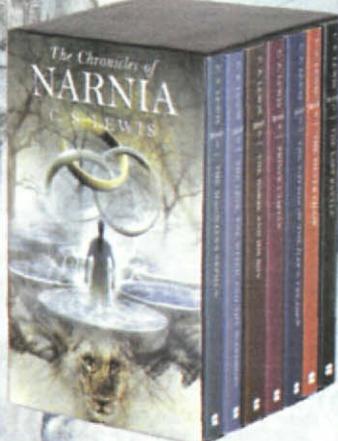
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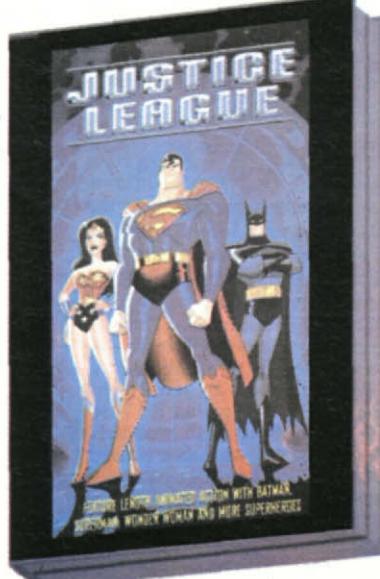
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Sport

Divers turn to their drivers ...

ALMOST 100 golfers enjoyed perfect weather conditions at the 17th R N Divers' golf championship at Southwick Park.

A breathtaking round of 72 in the morning, followed by a dogged 81 after lunch restored the top prize to CPO(D) A.J. Wheeler.

CPO(D) A J Owen was two shots behind with a creditable 155.

Fullerton Sherwood Stableford champion was ex-PO(D) J. Lynch, and First and Second Division winners were ex-CPO(D) E. Pattinson and WO(D) C.J. Hughes, scoring 76 and 74 points.

The 'Still Jim' team won the Solent Divers Team Trophy, and ex-PO(D) J. Lynch and PO(D) L. Yates won the pairs. Lt M. Payne rtd was the Guests 1st Division winner, and ex-WO(D) J. Dadd won the Veterans Trophy.

A raffle helped raise £560 for the KGFS and BEWSA.

The event was sponsored by Solent Divers, Carleton Technologies Inc, MSI Defence Systems Ltd, Divex, David Williams Engraving, O'Donnells Bar Oban, Key Transport Services, and Vic Anderton Structural Repairs.

Squash date

THE 2002 RN squash championships will take place at HMS Temeraire on October 18-20. Players of all ages and standards are welcome. Please contact Lt Cdr David Cooke at HMS Temeraire (0380 23741) or email TEM RNS04 for an entry form.



● Grahame Forshaw and his crew Gemma Frowish maintain better spinnaker control to overtake Cdr Francis Douglas and crew Cdr Rob Wormald

Close - but still a win

THE ROYAL Navy swimming team triumphed again at the Inter Services championships at Aldershot - swimming 50-metre lengths on a long course for the first time in memory.

The competition marked the Combined Services Swimming Association's 75th anniversary.

Following the 2001 record winning margin of 39 points, the Navy team knew their rivals would be out for revenge, and so it proved. Going into the last three races, the pressure was on - if the Army were to win and the Navy finish third the result would be a tie, and if the Navy were to be disqualified, an Army win would bring them the title.

But the Navy prevailed, with their 6x50m relay team coming second to the RAF, bringing a final result of RN 103pts, Army 97pts and RAF 65pts.

With the scores so close the points earned by every RN swimmer were significant - if any had finished lower down the order, the result could have swung to the Army.

At the halfway stage RN medals had been won by MEM Nuttall, Mne Monan, WO Vaughan and Lt Johnny Lynas, Lt Heather Fraser, S/Lt Mari Duffy, OM Ian Fairhurst and O/Cdt Tony Quince, including gold for NN Fisher and silver for Lt Alistair Witt.

NATO Cup trophy winner
CPO Mike Nolan won his (usual) 100m backstroke and WO Frankie Vaughan and OM Ian Fairhurst bagged the top two places in the men's 100m freestyle.

With the teams neck-and-neck, Lt Heather Fraser got a silver in the women's 100m backstroke, CPO Gary Thomas (Hull Careers Office) grafted for a gutsy 200m breaststroke silver.

NN Karen Fisher notched her second gold in the 100m breaststroke; Alistair Witt and Chris Monan took second and third in the 200m freestyle, while other notable performances came from WAEA McClafferty (100m butterfly), Lt Johnny Lynas and LMEA Robbie Robinson.

A wonderful second in the

women's medley relay, and a win in the men's, helped cement the Navy's slender lead, and in the end all was well - though the margin was close. The men's water polo event was another close contest, with the Navy losing 5-3 to eventual champions the RAF, and 9-7 to the Army.

WEA Becky Kerchey (Collingwood) emerged as a new talent in the diving, taking bronze in both 1/3m springboard and 5m high board.

Becky hopes to lead RN divers back to winning ways - contact her through the RNNSA on 0380 24131 or 25912.

Navy swimming officials expressed their gratitude to all commanding officers who released competitors, and colleagues who stood in for them - it was truly a win for the whole Navy.

Finally, the win was a personal triumph for HMS Temeraire's Assistant RN Sports Officer POWPT Louise Richardson in her first year in the swimming and hockey office.

Grahame takes the honours

THE RN Sailing Association (Plymouth Branch) had a chance to put their new dinghy park to good use when they organised this year's Bosun Nationals event.

A total of 21 boats - an increase on last year - were parked at the RNNSA Camber facility, provided by Nuffield funding.

The event clashed with the popular tri-Service keelboat championships at Seaview, but still attracted several of the Bosun Class Association's top sailors.

Racing conditions were perfect, with a steady force 2-3 SW wind combined with blue skies.

Six races were scheduled for the weekend, and the Saturday programme saw the Navy Sailing Coach, C/Sgt Grahame Forshaw, benefiting from good boat preparation with three firsts.

Uncharacteristically for him, however, he was disqualified from the first race due to being over the line at the start.

Derek Page (RAF) was in control for race two, leading the fleet at the first mark, but he collected weed around his rudder and was overhauled by Grahame.

The leader after Day One was

ex-RN PO Ralph Wellor, with Alan Pitt second and Derek Page third.

Sunday's weather proved again to be ideal, and with competitors fine-tuning their boats overnight, Grahame saw stiffer competition.

A fierce battle ensued in the first race with Grahame having to do penalty turns when he infringed, enabling Derek to take line honours.

The race officer decided to cancel the final race when a fog bank descended on Plymouth Sound, leaving the overall results as: first Grahame Forshaw (crew member Gemma Frowish) (5pts); second Ralph Wellor (10pts); third Alan Pitt (12pts).

There were notable performances lower down the fleet with RNNSA branch chairman Cdr Francis Douglas and crew Cdr Rob Wormald second highest RN entry.

C/Sgt Joe Jordan, Principal of the RNNSA, is to be congratulated for the excellent facilities provided by him and his team.

The event was sponsored by the Skipton Building Society and Yacht Parts of Plymouth.

The Army Sailing Association will host next year's event at Netley.

Inaugural tennis cup heads north

A BUSY four days saw the cream of Navy tennis gather in Portsmouth for the annual Service championships.

A good entry contested singles, doubles, mixed and veterans competitions, with new players pushing the established stars in all events.

Top prizes were won by POWPT Jeannie Bone and POPT Steve Losh, who were crowned singles champions after close finals.

Jeannie also clinched the mixed title with OM Dickie Davies, while Steve took a second title with Cdr Simon Brand in winning the men's doubles.

Lt Cdr Carolyn Crumplin and Lt Sally Newman won the ladies doubles, while Rob Bosshard took the Veterans' crown in a full day of finals.

Mrs Phoebe Eberle, wife of RNLT chairman Commodore Peter Eberle, presented the prizes.

With the increasing interest in RN tennis a new Naval competition has been created for establishments, with teams of four playing

two singles and a doubles in a knock-out event.

The first ever Tennis Cup began in March, with the finalists meeting at the Tennis Centre in Burnaby Road, when JSCSC Shropshire faced HMS Neptune.

And it was the Scots who prevailed by 2-1, the winning team being Losh, Mills, McAvoy and Cooper.

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Another step in right direction

WITH the Navy hosting this year's Inter Services martial arts championships for the first time, the stage was set for the Senior Service to put on a good performance.

Held at HMS Nelson in Portsmouth, the home of Navy boxing, the well-organised event was a good reason for the RN/RM teams to get down to some serious training under expert tuition from Phil Tavenor (a member of the GB tae kwon do (TKD) organisation) and Sensei Jason Boh (4th Dan member of the Amateur Martial Association).

The home squad dominated the day in the TKD section, with both Dan and Cup grade teams winning, and WSA Brown taking the Dan grade women's sparring title.

The Cup grade men's section was won by OM Jeffers Geoffrey, while in the Dan grade section Mne David Tang won the 'clash of the Titans' against fellow Marine Andy Lister, then went on to beat the Army contender in the final.

In the weapons section the Navy took second place to the RAF, and the karate section brought a win for the junior team and a second place for the seniors behind a formidable Army side.

The individual kumite event did not go as well as planned, with only L/Cpl Mic O'Donnell reaching the second round of the Dan grade and POPT Paddy Ireland reaching the semis of the Kyu grade, although no RN/RM fighter was disgraced.

In the team kumite, senior and junior teams lost narrowly to the other Services.

In only the third year of competition, Navy entrants acquitted themselves well - but there is more hard work to come in order to start turning promise into results.

Aurora stars shine

WHEN passengers from the P&O cruise liner Aurora challenged the Gibraltar Combined Service football team to a match, the Servicemen expected an easy run-out.

But when the bus arrived at Devil's Tower Camp, the first four players off were former England stars Ray Clemence, Alan Mullery and Norman Hunter, and ex-Irish international Ronnie Glaven.

Early home pressure brought two goals, with Aurora replying

before the break, and in the second half the ex-International got on to the pitch and showed the skills were still there, and Glaven, from a Hunter through-ball, equalised to tie the game at 2-2.

One home fan said: "P&O kept that one under their hats."

"We thought it was just a friendly game between us and a visiting ship, but when they got off the bus we couldn't believe our eyes."

Newcomers vie for top prize

In a finish resembling events at Muirfield days later, the outcome of the RN golf championships at Woodhall Spa was decided by a play-off, writes Navy golf secretary Cdr Gary Skins.

Some 57 golfers, 10 handicap or better, took part in the programme which included the Inter Command Matchplay and Strokeplay, and the Individual Championship.

After four rounds over the testing Woodhall courses, two of the younger members of the RN squad were locked together for the individual title.

MEM Michael Setterfield (HMS Sutherland) started the final round two shots behind CM Ken Anderson (HMS Dryad).

With a standard scratch of 75, the course is one of the toughest around, but the two 3 handicappers played excellent golf to stay clear of the field.

Setterfield's 75 to Anderson's 77 meant the two were tied and a four-hole play-off ensued.

Both made solid pars at the first extra

hole, but Anderson edged ahead at the second with a long birdie putt.

Setterfield made a mess of his tee shot at the 17th, finishing in the treacherous heather short of the fairway.

With Anderson on the fairway, Setterfield had to gamble and duly uprooted half of Lincolnshire's heather - but more importantly, sent his ball to the fringe of the green. Both players made par and Anderson led going to the 18th.

The tall but slight Setterfield generates enormous power from his wide swing, and here he unleashed two wonderful shots down the 540yd final hole.

A combination of 3 wood and 3 iron saw his ball no further than 12ft from the hole. With Anderson bunkered and eventually taking six, Setterfield two-putted for a very popular win.

Setterfield won the Welsh Boys Championship before joining the Navy three years ago, and is in his first sea draft. He becomes only the third junior rating to prevail, and the first in recent memory serving in a sea-going ship.

Anderson, from Falkirk, joined the

opportunity to sample some of the best facilities the country has to offer.

The club itself were tremendous hosts with the membership genuinely interested in the activities of the Senior Service.

■ The Ladies completed their pre-Inter Services programme with a narrow loss to Hayling GC played at Southwick Park.

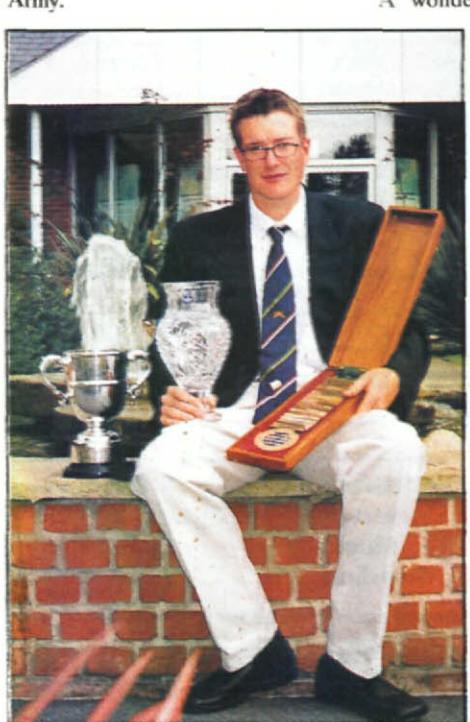
■ On the men's side, HMS Neptune ended HMS Drake's recent dominance of the Navy Cup, Connor McCleod's round of 42 points being the key.

■ A team of four from the representative squad were tenth in the prestigious Graham Butler trophy at Ferndown.

■ The inaugural fixture against a very strong Norfolk brought a 4-11 defeat, but a second defeat, against Dorset at the China Fleet Club, was much closer, with the RN team losing 7.5 to 8.5.

Attention now turns to Celtic Manor, Newport, from September 9-12 where, for the first time, both men's and ladies' Inter Service Championships will be staged simultaneously.

Having won the right to host the 2010 Ryder Cup, the resort provides a stern test and will be an interesting challenge. The event is being sponsored by EMC.



● MEM Michael Setterfield



Climbing is on the up

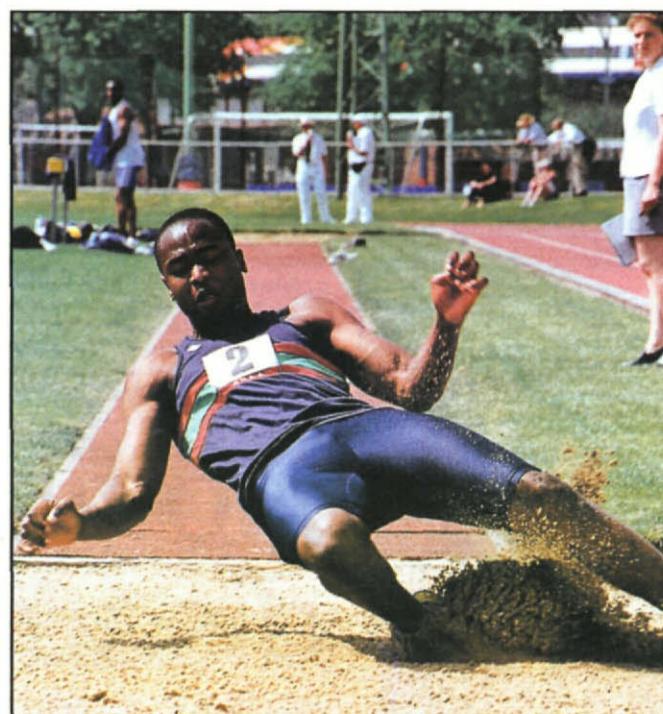
POOR weather earlier in the summer failed to keep the RN and RM Mountaineering Club off the crags and mountains of Britain.

A weekend in Snowdonia in June, based in the Naval Air Command mountain hut near Bethesda, saw plenty of activity for 26 Navy climbers, allowing training for club members who are to tackle the North-East Ridge of Everest next year.

July saw a ten-strong group take advantage of good weather to climb some of the classic Lake District routes, and prepare for the Joint Services Alpine Meet at Saas Grund in Switzerland and a shorter trip to Lundy.

There will be a trip to Pembroke on September 20-22; the point of contact for this meet is Lt Cdr Tim Reynolds on 01803 712633.

New members are always welcome, all ranks and rates, from experienced climbers to novices. Details from Cdr Brian Pancott on 01803 27142 or by email at brianc22@tesco.net



● Decathlete S/Lt Ben Iyamu makes his mark in the long jump discipline

Cricketers fail to land Inter Services crown

THE NAVY'S final warm up game before this year's Inter Services Festival saw them up against cricket superstars, including the world's fastest bowler, Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar.

Lashings brought a clutch of Test internationals to Portsmouth, intent on having some fun and putting the Navy to the test.

A large crowd were not disappointed as Lashings, looking for a big score were restricted to 264 for 7, with the classy Stuart Williams notching 138 not out.

The home side made a steady start, surviving Akhtar's eight overs, but the middle order were never quite up to speed, and the innings closed at 183-8.

The Navy went into the Inter Services cricket festival at RAF Uxbridge with confidence high, but their batsmen struggled on the first day against the Army, posting a modest total of 216 for 7 after 50 hours.

But the Navy's bowlers set about their task with determination, and the Army was pinned down for long periods, being bowled out for 208 with three balls

Fit for the Games

WORKING at the Commonwealth Games ensured two members of the Royal Navy were at peak fitness.

CPOs Andy Lane and Troy Muggleton cycled up to 20 miles a day ensuring that the world's media got the results of the shooting events as quickly as possible.

The pair also had the chance to meet some top marksmen and women at the Bisley ranges.

East takes inaugural Origin

THE Eastern Commands team, led by OM Whiskey Walker, won a thrilling inaugural RNRL State of Origin match at Burnaby Road.

The concept of the Origin match is Australian, where teams from Queensland and NSW contest a three-match series during the domestic season.

This year the RN played one match, with teams made up of players serving in units either side of a line drawn north to south by RNRL management.

The trophy and unique Origin kit, matching that of the Australians, was supplied by sponsors Nelsons Bar in Gosport High Street, and manager Denise Shepherd presented the trophy to the winners.

The bigger Wests had the early advantage in the heat with two well-worked tries.

Half-time saw the Wests ahead but the Easts struck swiftly in the second half and edged ahead with the help of tremendous back play from Man of the Match MEM Scott Partiss.

The Wests forced the Easts back on many occasions with breaks by the forwards through the centre, and one thrilling passage of play saw the Easts hold off the opposition for 15 consecutive tackles before the Wests finally scored.

The result, after an excellent



● Match sponsor Denise Shepherd, of Nelsons Bar, presents the Origin trophy to Easts Captain OM Whiskey Walker

display of football, was a victory to the Easts by 34-26.

The match gave the RNRL coaching staff the opportunity to see a majority of the players hoping for selection for the Inter Services series, once again sponsored by NAAFI.

The RN host the RAF at Burnaby Road on September 11 in a mini Festival of Rugby League, with three matches being played.

First is a major milestone for RNRL with the first full represen-

tative women's match (k.o. 1400) followed by an U23 development match (k.o. 1600), with the Inter Services challenge match kicking off at 1900. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

On September 27 the RN travel north to play the Army at the home of one of the most historic names in amateur Rugby League, that of Leigh Miners, kick off at 1400.

For further information contact CPO Keith Humbley on 023 9272 7749 (Mil 9380 277349).

Athletes dig deep

NAVY athletes turned in a number of performances good enough to influence the final outcome of the Inter Services championships at Portsmouth.

With each passing year the Navy are ever more competitive, and this year was no different, with many achieving personal and season's best performances.

POPT Neal Edwards (BRNC) was outstanding in winning the men's 400m hurdles, while POPT Micky Breed (Temeraire) repeated his previous year's third in the men's 800m with a battling performance in the home straight.

Sgt Mark Goodridge (42 Cdo) finished third in the 5,000m, with Mne Wayne Dasher (DRM) also third in the 3,000m steeplechase.

In the women's individual events Lt Carolyn Kenyon (Drake) had been the Navy's most successful athlete in recent years, and she lived up to this reputation by finishing second in the 800m and just missing out on a medal in the long jump, 100m hurdles and 400m.

POWTR Vicky Norton (MOD Ensleigh) made good use of her triathlon fitness to finish second in the 5,000m, with POPT Belinda Fear (Raleigh) finishing a comfortable third in the 1,500m.

Perhaps the most notable suc-

cess was SA Rhian Hanson (SFM Portsmouth) achieving third in the Discus aged just 17.

The Inter Services multi-events championships saw the Navy runners-up to the Army in the men's decathlon and women's heptathlon.

Separate RN championships were also contested within the main event. The RN Men almost achieved an unprecedented team success, despite the absence of the leading five team members from the previous year, when the Army's ability to finish a complete team was threatened as one of their leading competitors suffered a scalp injury in the pole vault.

However, he continued after some swift stitching at Nelson Sickbay, and the fact that he started each event enabled a complete team score to be recorded.

LOM Gary Spencer-Smith (Collingwood), as the leading RN competitor, was crowned as the RN decathlon champion, with S/Lt Ben Iyamu (HMS Exeter) runner up.

Formerly twice runner-up, POWEA Nikki Stopforth (HMS Illustrious) won the RN women's heptathlon, with Lt Linda Lawrence (820 Sqn) just edging out LOM Nicky Jones (HMS Illustrious) as runner-up.

Skiers slog it out in Milton Keynes

THE ANNUAL RN/RM artificial slope ski and snowboarding championships, sponsored by Skiworld Special Events, took place on real snow in July – the Snozone in Milton Keynes.

More than 60 competitors raced in four separate races to find the best individual skier and individual snowboarder, major and minor unit, and best command.

Racing was particularly exciting in the knockout dual slaloms, where Lt Pete Goodman (MOD) defeated Mne Callum Doherty (RM Poole) in the snowboarding final and Lt Jamie Mitchell (750 NAS) beat Mne Mike Gent (RM Poole) in the skiing.

RM Poole once again missed out on line honours when 801 NAS took gold in the Minor Unit event.

The 801 NAS B team also skied well to finish third ahead of Heron AED and 824 NAS.

Defending champions HMS Seahawk took a gamble in the Major Unit race when they took part with only three racers against strong competition from HMS Neptune. The gamble paid off.

In the individual results, Jamie Mitchell once again demonstrated his Scottish racing experience to pip Capt John McMullan (42 Cdo) by half a second.

CPOWPT Carol Strong proved why she is the RN ladies team captain by winning the women's title.

Mick Fothergill took the title of fastest veteran (over 35) to win a pair of Goretex gloves, generously provided by Outback Trading of Helston.

Lt Phil Beacham (824 NAS) won the novice competition along with S/Lt Sarah Delvin (BRNC).

The individual dual slalom was won by Pete Goodman.

The team snowboard race saw Neptune pip Ark Royal, while The Ringers won the Club race.

Heron Ladies, led by the Ladies Individual winner POWPT Janet Coomer, took the honours in the Ladies Team event. Naval Air Command edged out the Royals for the Command title.

Thanks go to Skiworld for their generous sponsorship of the championships, and to Bucks Boarding Centre and Outback Trading for providing prizes.

RN squad nurtures downhill dreams

ALTHOUGH the summer is far from over, plans for the annual Royal Navy Alpine Championships 2003 are already well advanced.

The event takes place from January 11-25 at the French resort of Les Arcs, and is open to any serving member of the RN, RM, Reserves and their families.

The RN Winter Sports Association (RNWSA) organises Alpine races for all levels of ski and snowboard ability, from complete beginners to downhill racers. Individual and team categories are organised from ships and establishments to Command level.

Skiers can take part in Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G and Team Slalom events. Snowboarders have their own dedicated events, including Parallel Slalom and Boardercross.

Even Telemark, the oldest of the Alpine disciplines, is catered for, and the RNWSA's experienced instructors will also be on hand, in conjunction with local French guides, to provide free lessons for all RNWSA members.

The RN Alpine Championships is the largest participatory event in the Navy sporting calendar, aiming to encourage the stars of the future as well as the established and experienced members of the Navy's winter sports teams.

RNWSA Chairman Capt Mike Nixon told *Nav News*: "We are indebted to our various sponsors, without whose generosity the event could not run."

"Also to Skiworld Special Events, who provide travel and accommodation for the championships as well as valuable assistance in resort."

In 2000, around 800 people attended, and although operational commitments brought a small reduction in numbers last year, the 2003 championships looks set to bounce back.

To maintain the challenge and cope with expanding numbers, the event moves resort every few years.

"This winter sees the championships in Les Arcs for a fourth and final year, and we are considering locations for 2004 very carefully," said organiser Lt Cdr Chris Stanham. "We hope to announce our selection in January, building on the success of previous years."

For information about the event contact Lt Cdr Chris Stanham at Yeovilton on 01935 455894, or James Brine at Skiworld on 020 8600 1797.

Refs appeal

UNDER new promotion guidelines submitted by the FA, all RNFA referees seeking promotion this season must apply in writing to the Promotion Secretary by September 30.

There will be two RNFA potential referee courses at HMS Temeraire this year. The first is from October 7-10, the second from December 2-5. Further details from WO Coleman on 9380 26558.

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achieved such dramatic results."

HMS Newcastle has been deployed as the Atlantic Patrol Ship since March. She has operated off the West Coast of Africa and in the South Atlantic before moving across to the Caribbean and she was due back in the UK as *Navy News* went to press.

Said her Commanding Officer Cdr Jeremy Blunden: "To have intercepted two significant drug shipments in such a short time so early in our period operating in the Caribbean was a fantastic result for all concerned."

"This has been a total team effort and good news for the ship's company who have worked hard throughout our entire deployment."

"This seizure will have played a substantial part in fighting the war on drugs and proves that 'The Team Works'."

New Lynx plus new torpedo defence

THE ROYAL Navy could get a new, updated version of the long-serving Lynx helicopter, Defence Procurement Minister Lord Bach has announced.

Speaking at the launch of the Malaysian Super Lynx 300 at the Farnborough Air Show, Lord Bach said: "The Lynx has served the Royal Navy with distinction since the 1970s all over the world and has demonstrated its first-class military capabilities in the Falklands Conflict and the Gulf War."

"These aircraft will need replacement in the next six years and we believe that Future Lynx offers great potential to fill this."

A contract worth up to £10 million to assess the suitability of Future Lynx for the RN will be awarded shortly.

Lord Bach later said RN warships and front line naval auxiliaries would be equipped with the world's most advanced defence against torpedo attack.

British company Ultra Electronics has been awarded a £60 million contract for the new system, which automatically warns commanders of a torpedo attack and tells them what action to take to counteract the threat – including deploying decoys to distract the incoming torpedo from its target.

It will come into service in 2004.

Anne calls on Albion

CPO(R) Dunn explains the new Combat Support System in HMS Albion to the assault ship's sponsor, the Princess Royal.

The Princess launched the replacement for HMS Fearless, currently fitting out at Barrow Dockyard in Cumbria, in December 2000.

Keeping up to date with progress on board, she arrived to watch the first starting of one of the ship's four main diesel generators.



Million turn out for Tall Ships



War on Terror unites navies at all levels

SINCE taking over duties in support of the fight against terrorism from HMS Campbeltown in July, sister ship HMS Cumberland has been exercising with a wide range of friendly navies.

First there were meetings with Jordanian and Saudi Arabian units during a three-day visit to Aqaba as part of her deployment to the Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

Commanding Officer Capt Ian Corder told *Navy News*: "The welcome and hospitality we received in Jordan were overwhelming and many new friendships have been formed.

"We have very much enjoyed working with both the Jordanian and Saudi Arabian Navies and have been most impressed with both their capability and professionalism."

Then came a highly successful visit to Karachi in Pakistan – the first time a RN warship has visited the country since 1997.

The Type 22 frigate was hosted by PNS Khaiber – formerly the RN Type 21 frigate HMS Arrow. Said Capt Corder: "Visits of this nature are important in the continuing

bilateral relations between two countries with deep and historic ties.

It also publicly recognises the support given by Pakistan to the international coalition in the War on Terrorism. We have had a thoroughly enjoyable time and for many it was an opportunity to re-establish old friendships."

HMS Cumberland hosted 150 guests including Cdre James Fanshawe, who is currently the UK Military Component Commander in Bahrain and the Commander Pakistan Fleet, Vice Admiral Shahid Karimullah Hi(M).

A bazaar was established on the jetty, offering onyx chess sets, carpets and silk for which Karachi is well renowned.

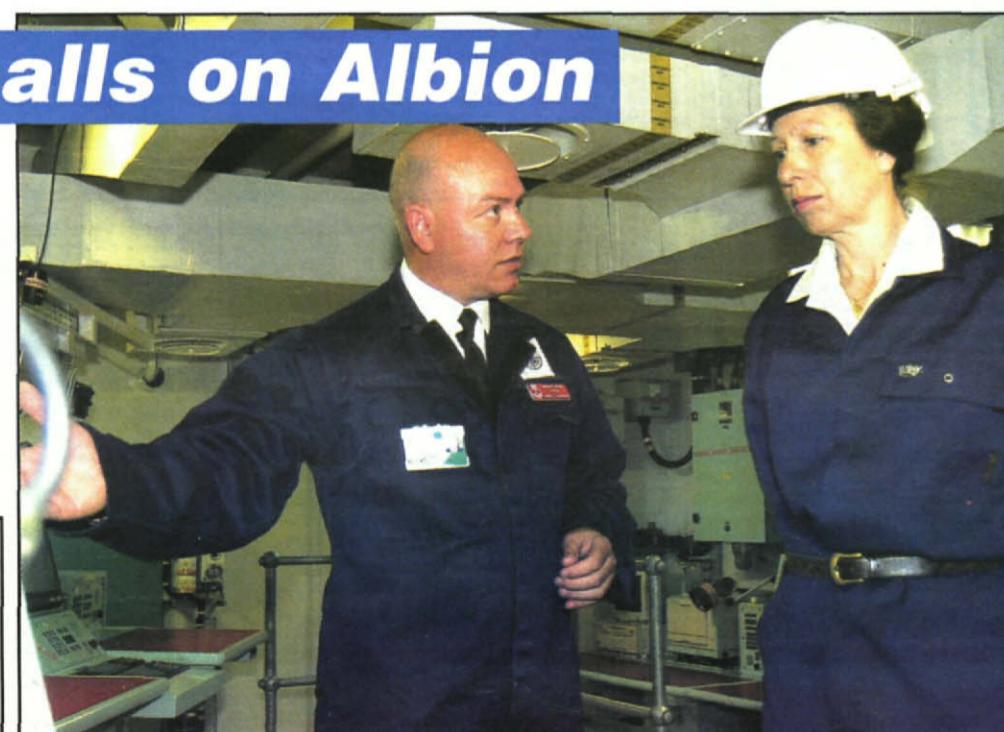
Next came a replenishment at sea (RAS) between Cumberland and the Japanese Fast Combat Support Ship Hamana, with the destroyers Inazuma and Asakaze in attendance. Warfare Officer Lt Sarah Parker and a group of three

junior ratings visited the Hamana for a ship's tour while the Japanese navigating and marine engineering officers together with two senior ratings came across to join Cumberland.

□ HMS Portland arrived back in Devonport on July 26 at the end of her first deployment – six and a half months in the Arabian Gulf.

She had carried out 56 boardings and detained five ships for possession of illegal cargo under the UN embargo on Iraq and took part in exercises with the American, French, Australian, Qatari, Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian navies.

HMS Sheffield has also returned to Guzz at the end of six months as Flagship for NATO's Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, exercising with Romanian, Ukrainian and Bulgarian forces in the Black Sea and monitoring merchant shipping in the Eastern Med as part of the campaign against terror.



HMS NORFOLK led the Tall Ships out of Portsmouth at the end of one of the biggest shows the home of the Royal Navy has ever seen.

On board his former command for his last official duty was outgoing First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Nigel Essenhough – receiving the cheers and salutes of every one of the 55 vessels that had taken part in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships race, won by the French *Tante Fine*.

Among them were the Russians *Mir* and *Sedov*, whose sailors left a message of thanks at the Portsmouth Falklands War Memorial for the RN's assistance in the efforts to free the men trapped in the submarine *Kursk*.

Over the four day finale event over a million people visited Portsmouth and Gosport – four times the organisers' estimate.

Picture: LW(PHOT) Amanda Reynolds

Nottingham disarming

FIRST phase of the process of removing ammunition from damaged destroyer HMS Nottingham is now complete.

This involved removal of ammunition unaffected by the flooding which occurred when the Type 42 destroyer struck Wolfe Rock off Lord Howe Island on July 7.

The ship's 4.5in gun has been stripped out and plans are now focused on the removal of the Sea Dart system in the near future.

It has been found that the hoist system on the ship is still operational, significantly easing the clearance task.

Nottingham is currently in Newcastle, 100 miles north of Sydney, and the ship's company is staying at an Army base in nearby Williamstown.

Commanding Officer Cdr Richard Farrington has handed over care of the ship to the Warships Support Agency.

A duty watch is maintained on board as work on the hull continues.

No decision has yet been made as to her future, but one option being examined is to place her on a heavy ship lift and bring her back to the UK.

□ Special feature next month

Colour for Reservists

FOLLOWING a personal recommendation by the First Sea Lord, the Queen has approved presentation of the Sovereign's Colour for the Royal Navy to the Royal Naval Reserve, in recognition of the RNR's continuing support to the Regular Service.

Said Senior Reserve Officer Cdre John Ellis: "This is a tremendous accolade for those who have served in the RNVR and RNR and for those serving today. The 'Wavy Navy' which was amalgamated into the RNR in 1958 provided more than 80 per cent of Naval officers and ratings in 1945 and that valiant spirit lives on, with more than 97 per cent of today's RNR coming from a volunteer civilian background."

It is planned to combine the presentation of the Sovereign's Colour with a special parade in London to mark the centenary of the Naval Volunteer Reserves next year.

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